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Last Night.

BY TWO HUNDRED

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LIVELY BUSINESS REVIVAL

Remarkable Evidences of Prosperity in America.

ALL TRADE CHANNELS RUSHED

December Adding a Surprising Close of a Year of Active Business—Getting Better and Better Every Month.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review of trade says today:

"December is adding a surprising close to the most surprising year of American history. November surpassed all other months of the century in the volume of business and production and thus far December is doing even better in payment through clearing houses, railroad earnings, foreign trade, etc.

"December began with a high iron output and with stocks of unsold iron diminishing, which indicated a consumption of 1,024,313 tons during the month. Not only is the output the greatest ever known, but it has increased 22½ per cent, since 1892, when the greatest monthly report then ever known was made. With scarcity of pig iron feared both east and west, there is yet no rise whatever in finished products, although demand is far beyond all products.

"The woolen industry has come to the front with very extensive purchases of wool by large houses and small. Sales at the three chief markets have been 17,966,700, of which 13,860,300 were domestic, against 15,307,100 last year, of which 7,133,000 were domestic, and 16,504,100 in the same week of 1892, of which 12,399,600 were domestic. Transactions show a demand fairly up to most prosperous years heretofore. The much improved demand for goods has started many mills long idle, and prospects for next season with wool at more reasonable prices are decidedly improved.

"Exports of wheat continue heavy, being from Atlantic ports, flour included, 5,192,692 bushels, against 5,669,000 last year, and from Pacific ports 741,991 bushels, against 1,521,000 last year. In the past two weeks the outgo has been 11,871,540 bushels, against 9,401,555 last year. As the wheat output in December last year was close to the largest on record the return this year shows really surprising gain. While prices have been three cents stronger for cash, western receipt for two weeks of December have been about 5,000,000 bushels greater than the last year.

The corn movement is the most astonishing feature of business. Export for three weeks have been 7,187,303 bushels against 6,327,000 last year and the price has advanced a cent for the week.

Failures in the United States the past week were 261 against 329 last year."

BRADSTREETS' REPORT.

Bradstreets review says: "Nearly all channels of seasonable trade are at present running full and in some lines of business the stream is virtually out of its banks. This is particularly the case in iron and steel, where production, consumption and demand alike are going on at an unprecedented rate, at a time, too, when it is usual to look for quietness, even dullness in this industry. Nothing like the present activity in this branch of trade has been seen for many years past, if, indeed, it was ever equalled. Advices from all trading centers of iron production are of exceptionally eager demand for crude and manufactured products and advancing prices, the only anxiety expressed being for easily delivery. Higher prices for high iron, steel billets, soft steel and all sorts of car material are reported, while production of raw material is at its maximum.

"In other lines of business the situation as regards prices is favorable. Notable among advances reported being all cereals, cotton, coffee, amber, copper, lead and a variety of other less prominent staples. Following the slight recession showing in wheat values last week, improved demand for exports has again developed, which is evidence of the fact that serious or keen competition from Argentina and Russia has been more or less discounted, with the United States remaining, as for some time past, the principal source of supply of the world.

"Increased interest is being taken in cotton at advanced price and the situation in the manufactured products has been strengthened by skillful management of the print cloth situation, which in turn has induced more liberal demand for kindred products for spring trade.

"Seasonable quietness is reported in a number of trades, but prices are retained. All their strength and active demand is looked for with the turn of the year. The country's export trade is the largest ever known, November surpassing the total for December a year ago, with indication favoring a total trade for the calendar year at least one-sixth more than a year ago, and our sales abroad aggregating two dollars for every dollar's worth we buy.

"Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week were 6,076,6225 bushels, against 4,604,000 in the corresponding week last year. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,251,936, against 4,313,000 this week a year ago.

WEEK'S BANK CLEARINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The statement compiled by Bradstreets shows the total bank clearings of the principal cities of the United States for the week to be $1,641,765,398, an increase of 23.4 per cent compared with the corresponding week of last year.

DELEVAN FAILURE DEBTS $76,000

Reinheimer & Co. Had Been in Business for Thirty Years.

DELAVAN, ILL., Dec. 17.—The firm of S. M. Reinheimer & Co., of this city, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors and gone into voluntary liquidation under the United States bankruptcy laws. The liabilities are $76,000; assets not known. Reinheimer & Co., have been engaged in buisness in Delavan for 30 years. Their lines are clothing, dry goods, footwear, millinery, etc., and their business has been of a large proportions. They also have a branch clothing store in Danville, which is involved in the failure and increases the liabilities stated $40,000.

COMMITTEE AT SEA.

The Members Unable to Agree on Points in the Williams Case.

The members of the committee of the city council appointed to investigate the charges against Street Superintendent A. W. Williams, held a meeting on Friday afternoon. It was expected that a report would be prepared to submit to the city council in regard to the settlement with Contractor McDonald. The report, however, was not prepared. The matter is badly mixed up and it appears that so far the committee has been unable to reach any decision.

MIDWINTER HORSE RACE.

Fowler Horse Came Out Ahead at the Trotting Park.

There was a hot time hoss race yesterday at the trotting park, all the parties interested being from Argenta. A. Mr. Fowler and Paddy Spangler brought their racers to the track and had a go for a purse of $25, and Fowler's Volturno horse took the money in 26 seconds, winning by a length and a half. About 100 friends were present. It was a quarter mile dash. Both are good horses and they were evenly matched.

Scarlet Fever Cases.

Two new cases of scarlet fever were reported to the clerk on December 15. One of the family of H. G. Tyler of 344 West Cerro Gordo and the other in the family of C. Dougherty, 143 West Packard. There are no new diphtheria cases.

STRIKE AGAIN AT PANA

Imported Negro Miners Want 30 Cents a Ton.

SERIOUS TROUBLE EXPECTED

Colored Men Chase Penwell Into a Store—Status of Indicted Parties at Carlinville—Prosecution to Begin.

PANA, ILL., Dec. 17.—It is currently reported that the negroes imported here to work in the various mines, have struck for 30 cents per ton, a raise of five cents. It is said a crowd of them chased Operator G. V. Penwell into his store. The negroes are becoming dissatified, claiming short weights and unfair treatment. More trouble is anticipated unless matters can be adjusted at once. Thirty more Alabama negroes are expected to arrive to take the places of the union miners.

THE VIRDEN CASES.

CARLINVILLE, ILL., Dec. 17.—State's Attorney Vaughn is busy arranging for prosecuting all the persons indicted for participation in the Virden riot. The cases will come up at the January term of court, Judge R. B. Shirley presiding.

All the coal miners against whom true bills for rioting were returned are to plead guilty and pay their fines. William Mooney of Joliet, attorney for the United Mine Workers' Union, has been in conference with State's Attorney Vaughn, and it was agreed that the miners charged with simple rioting be allowed to plead guilty and escape with minimum fines.

Governor Tanner, indicted for palpable omission of duty; Manager Lukens and the Thiel guards, manslaughter, and the men charged with attempting to kill J. F. Eyster, the Climax store manager, will be compelled to stand trial.

There is much conjecture as to whether the indictment against Governor Tanner will stand, and the same question applies to Manager Lukens.

BOOK SOCIAL.

Senior Christian Endeavorers of First M. E. Enjoy Instructive Entertainment.

The young people of the Senior Christian Endeavor society of the First M. E. church enjoyed an entertaining and instructive evening with Miss Maude Martin of West Wood street last evening. A "Book Social" was given, the members impersonating books, which were designated by tags and each one told the story of the book impersonated. Those actively participating were: "Mill on the Floss," Shuler Craft; "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," Anne Shuler; "Pillar of Fire," Flora Smith; "Storyettes," Charles Imboden; "Persimmons," Alva Johnson; "John Ward, Preacher," Celeste Hoffman; "Kentucky Cardinal," Eva Bixby; "Mother Goose Rhymes," Nedobni; "Romance in Transit," Frank Ewing, "Uncle Uriah's Christmas," Alva Johnson; "In His Steps," Maude Martin.

A list of printed quotations were handed the members and they were required to distinguish between the ones taken from the Bible and those taken from Shakespeare. Miss Ann Shuler and Miss Bessie Lutz made the best showing.

"BRIDE ELECT" DATE.

Sousa's Famous Comic Opera Will be at the Grand, Feb. 21.

Sousa's comic opera, "The Bride Elect," which comes to the Powers opera house February 21, will exhibit one of the finest scenic displays upon the American stage. The first scene exhibits the interior of the palace of the Queen of Capri, a beautiful landscape with a rare Italian atmosphere. The second act is in the ruins of the summer palace of the old Roman Emperor Tiberius, used as a retreat of a band of brigands, and the third act takes place in the courtyard of a prison. There are 400 hundred different costumes, rich in color effect and of new and beautiful artistic designs. The music is full of most entrancing numbers and includes no less than three marches. The chief one, "Unchain the Dogs of War," occurs in the finale of the second act, and it is this scene that creates the most remarkable enthusiasm. It is here that the entire stage is required for the more than 100 members of the company, including Albert Hart, Hilda Clark, Christie MacDonald, Mabella Baker, George Lyding, Melville Stewart, Harry Duckstone and Charles H. Drew, a full military band, a ballet and a chorus of 60.

GOMEZ DEAD

Another Cuban Patriot Called Away—Summons to a Rothchild.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—A report has been received from Havana to the effect that General Maximo Gomez is dead.

RICH MAN DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild is dead. He was the second son of the late Baron Alphonse who married his cousin, Evelina, sister of the first Lord Rothschild. He was a member of parliament and was the junior member of the firm of Rothschilds of London and Paris.

PRESIDENT VISITING SAVANNAH

Saturday and Sunday Among the Volunteers.

BUSY DAY--BANQUET TO-NIGHT

Presidential Party Takes a Trip Down the Savannah River—McKinley and Cabinet Members Will Speak This Evening.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 17.—The presidential party arrived at Savannah at 11 o'clock this morning and was welcomed by a large crowd. The party was driven direct to the reviewing stand under the escort of the Georgia Hussars. The 1st division of the 7th army corps, two regiments of the 2d division and 3000 other enlisted men and artillery, under the command of General Kerfer, passed before the president The program for the day included a trip by the presidential party down the Savannah river, a reception and grand banquet at night, when the president and members of the cabinet will speak.

Presbyterian Church.

Tomorrow will be the last day of Evangelists Smith and Williams with the church. They will leave for Chicago on Monday morning. Mr. Smith will preach twice both morning and evening and in the afternoon will deliver his great address on "The Supper of Death"—a talk on Social Purity, to men only. All men and boys above 12 years are invited.

Confidential Address to Men.

Mr. Fred B. Smith will speak on Social Purity at the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. This address, to men only, has been heard by large audiences all over the west and has created a profound impression wherever heard. All men and boys over 12 years are invited.

At St. Johannes' Church.

It is now expected that the new St. Johannes' church will be ready for use on January 1. The work is progressing steadily. The carpenters are now engaged in putting in the basement stairway and completing other details of the building.

The young people of the church will give a Christmas entertainment on the evening of December 24. The exercises will consist of singing, recitations and the usual Christmas services.

Cake Walk Ball at Maroa.

A grand masque ball, one of the features of which will be a cake walk will be given in the opera house at Maroa Tuesday night, December 20.

SEXTON VETERAN IN LINE

Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army of Republic

ON THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

Memorial Proposition Championed by President McKinley—How the Day Has Been Observed in Chicago for Several Years.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.—Col. James A. Sexton of Chicago, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, who is attending in this city the meeting of the executive committee of that organization, declined to discuss President McKinley's suggestion in his speech at Atlanta that the national government should share with the southern people in the care of the graves of confederate soldiers as it now cares for the graves of those who fought on the union side.

When asked for an expression on the subject, Colonel Sexton said he would rather, at this time, not discuss the matter. Regarding the proposition that the same day should be observed as Memorial day by both north and south, the colonel said there should certainly be no objection to the idea and he thought such a step would go a great way toward obliterating the so-called sectional lines. Continuing on this subject, Colonel Sexton said:

"I made the suggestion over two years ago to have the blue and gray unite on the same day for the purpose of memorializing the dead soldiers. In Chicago, Richmond, New Orleans and Atlanta they follow this course now. There are 6000 confederate soldiers buried in Chicago and many comrades have contributed to the erection of a monument over their graves. At the time this monument was dedicated, on Memorial day, the commander of Massachusetts declaimed against it on the ground that Memorial day belonged to union men. I was then prompted to come out and take issue with the commander and felt it my duty to do so, especially as my post, Columbia No. 706 of Chicago, took part in the dedication."

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of J. A. Wheeler.

LIST OF NEW JURYMEN

Who Will Report for Service the First Day of Next Term—Divorce Suit was Filed Today.

The jury in the case of Merritt vs. Wheeler, wherein the plaintiff was suing the defendant for damages in the sum of $10,000, claiming that Wheeler wrote obscene letters to Mrs. Merritt, returned a verdict Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The jury decided the case in favor of the defendant Wheeler, agreeing that he was not guilty of writing the letters. The case was a hard fought one and lasted for several days.

There was a short was a short session of court this forenoon and an adjournment was taken until 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The following orders were entered on the dockets today:

COMMON LAW.

Ernest Melchoir et al vs. J. P. Nicholson, sheriff; replevin. Leave to withdraw replevin bond by sheriff

Joseph O. Merritt vs. James A. Wheeler; trespass on the case. Verdict of jury defendant not guilty.

CHANCERY.

Sarah A. Watts vs. Frank E. Waverton et al; partition. Proof heard, and solicitor's fee fixed at $500 to be taxed as costs. Order of distribution

DIVORCE SUIT.

Mrs. Nellie Masterson, through her attorneys, Redmon and Hogan, filed today in the office of the circuit clerk a bill asking for a divorce from her husband, Leroy Masterson. In the bill it is stated that the couple were married at Lincoln, Ill., in July 1893, and that they have one child, Trixy Masterson, aged four years. Mrs. Masterson states that since her marriage her husband has been guilty of extreme and repeated cruelty. She specifies a number of different times when her husband beat, kicked and choked her and alleges that he did not provide the necessary food and clothing for herself and child. The oratrix states that she finally was forced to go to the home of her parents to live and was compelled to work out in order to make a living for herself and child. She asks to be granted a divorce and also asks for the custody of the child.

NEW JURYMEN.

A new list of jury men has been drawn. The jurors will be required to report for service the first day of next term, Monday, January 9. As that is the time set for the trial of Clevenger, charged with the murder of Bay Telford, it is likely that some of those drawn today will be on the jury at the murder trial. The list is as follows:

Decatur—Rodolph Thomas, T. B. Ewing, W. C. Rike, Peter Loeb, Edward Hale, Frank Maloy, O. N. Bramble, Frank Plunner, Jr., S. E. Munson, John Collins, Jacob Brown, D. D. Dills, John Ray, Thomas Winegardner, Lee Warren, William Mentz, John Canaday, W. G. Barnes and Henry Abbott.

Blue Mound—W. E. Chandler.

Friends Creek—W. T. Barnett, W. O. Groves.

Harristown—A. Miller.

Hickory Point—A. J. Weltner, Henry Reeser.

Illini—Randall Sturgis.

Mt. Zion—John Lorash, John A. Davidson.

Whitmore—E. E. Cooley.

Pleasant View—J. M. Collins.

South Wheatland—John McKay.

South Macon—A. T. Jones, George A. Jacobs, Rolla Giblin.

Maroa—T. B. Harden, George Legge.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Decatur Man Badly Hurt in the Implement Works at Canton.

John Schweinbold, the owner of a planing mill on North Clinton street, was seriously injured Friday at the Parlin and Orendorf agricultural works at Canton. A telegram to that effect was received in this city by L. P. Graham. It stated that Mr. Schweinbold had met with an accident which had caused his leg and his arm to be broken, and that his wife had better come at once to Canton. Mr. Schweinbold has been at Canton for the past eight months.

BEET INDUSTRY

George C. Dyer, a Noted Expert, in Decatur.

MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN

Was Held at the Home of W. H. Ennis to Hear What Mr. Dyer Had to Say About a Beet Sugar Factory.

A number of Decatur men gathered Friday evening at the home of W. H. Ennis for the purpose of meeting George S. Dyer, who is an expert in the business of manufacturing beet sugar. Mr. Dyer had been at Minneapolis, Minn., superintending work which was being done on a large plant at that city. He was on his way to Cleveland, Ohio, and he was invited by Mr. Ennis to stop in Decatur and meet some of the persons who are interested in the business, that they might be benefited by an knowledge of the industry. Those who were present at Mr. Ennis' home were Messrs. William Voorhies, Henry Selhaudeman, B. O. McReynolds, Wilson Bering, J. M. Brownback, J. E. Bering, L. Burrows and E. A. Gastman.

There has been a good deal of investigation on the part of Decatur men in regard to the sugar beet business and Mr. Dyer was able to give one valuable information in regard to just what would be needed in the way of a factory.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Illinois: Fair tonight and Sunday; probably colder Sunday afternoon; south to west winds.

COSTLY FIRE AT ALTON

Business Part of the Blu Town in Flames.

DAMAGE IS ABOUT $60,0

Several Big Establishments Clos Out in the Midst of the Holida Trade Peace Commissioners Sail for America.

ALTON, ILL., Dec. 17.—The bu ness part of the city was damaged fire this morning to the extent of $ 000. The fire started in the Pier and Carr Dry Goods Co. store. store is a total loss. Damage to st amounted to $35,000, with $28,000 surance; to building $500. H. J. B man Co., dry goods, adjoining on west, was damaged mostly by wa to the extent of $15,000, fully insu Little damage to the building. Pfeifer, shoe merchant, on the e stock damaged to the extent of $70 with insurance; little damage to building.

SAILED ON THE ST. LOUI

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, 17.—The American peace commiss ers sailed for America today on steamer St. Louis. Judge Day the full text of the treaty of p would probably be delivered to P dent McKinley on December 24, is was impossible to say whethe will be presented to the present gress or the succeeding one. matter the president will decide.

CART MARTIN'S NECK BROKE

Murderer of Albert Bu Died Game on Gallow

Execution Witnessed by 100 Peop Martin's Fiancee Fainted Awa in the Crowd When the Drop was Sprung.

CHARLESTON, ILL., Dec. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to Martin the murderer of A Buser, through the fatal trap with a Hangman's noose around neck. The condemned man ascen the steps of the scaffold with a tread, and never flinched while b tied by the guards. Rev. T offered up a short prayer. When a if he had anything to say, M briefly answered "No." His was broken by the fall and he without a struggle. He told his fri is the morning that he was sorry his misdeeds, and if he had his to live over again he would do d ently. He said that whisky wa cause of his downfall.

Eight or ten thousand visitors in the city and filled the streets a the jail, but less than 100 witn the execution. Afterward the do the inclosure to the scaffold opened and thousands passed thr to take a look at the dead man.

Relatives then took care of the and sent it to Mattoon for b Martin's fiance was in the crowd side, but fainted dead away wh sound of the springing of the tra heard.

Ladies' Aid Officers.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church on Friday after elected the following officers:

President—Mrs. John C. Mark.

Vice President—Mrs. J. H. Se

Second Vice President—Mrs. Armstrong.

Third Vice President—Mrs. G W. Bright.

Secretary—Miss Lizzie Whiteh

Treasurer—Mrs. Pauline Augs

The ladies of the society will another of the interesting at hom the First M. E. parsonage on T day, December 22.

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NEW UNIFORMS

Have Been Received by Men of Company H.

SAME GUNS WILL BE USED

New Caps Will Also be Furnished the Men—First Drill Since Return Home Held Friday Night.

On Friday evening the members of Company H held their first drill since they returned home from the war. The company is now thoroughly organized as a part of the National Guard. There were about 40 men present at the drill. The boys have not forgotten what they learned in the way of drilling while in camp last summer. The drills will be held every Friday night and the company will always be in readiness in case it should be called upon to do service for the state.

The new uniforms for the company have been received and distributed among the men. The uniforms are entirely new and are of the regulation kind, the same as were used by the militia before the war. They were sent to Decatur by the state. Besides the new uniforms the men have received their old Springfield rifles which they carried through the campaign and also their bayonets and side arms. The company is also to have new caps, but these will probably not be received until next week.

GEN. MERRITT IN NEW YORK

Safe Arrival from Paris—Comment on Philippine Climate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—General Merritt, late commander of the troops in the Philippines, from whence he was called to consult with the American peace commissioners, arrived home today. He will resume command of the department of the east, which he held when ordered to Manila. He says the report that Admiral Dewey is in poor health must be untrue, as the Philippine climate is not specially trying to the whites.

DEATH'S MESSENGER

Came to Mrs. J. L. Adams This Morning—Pioneer of Decatur—Funeral on Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Adams died at her residence at 269 West Main street at 4 o'clock this morning, after an illness of several weeks. She was in her 71st year.

The deceased was born in Amherst county, Virginia, 1828. She came to Macon county in October, 1859, having resided at her present home for the past 41 years. She was one of the pioneers of Decatur and was widely known as a woman of great strength of character and the highest principles.

The funeral will be held from her late residence on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The services will be private, the invitations being limited to a few intimate friends of the family. Rev. W. F. Gillmore of Grace church will be in charge.

Mrs. Adams is survived by her husband and two sons, C. H. Adams of Denver, Col., and T. B. Adams of St. Louis.

The pall bearers will be S. C. Toof and W. H. Bates of Memphis, Tenn., J. E. Bendure and B. W. Adams of Decatur, and the two sons, C. H. and T. B. Adams. No flowers will be accepted. Burial will be at Greenwood.

CUBAN CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. — The members of the Cuban constitutional delegation were in conference for half an hour today with Secretary Hay who denied himself to all other callers. The parties to the conference declined to make any statement as to its nature.

MILITARY DISPLAY AT HAVANA

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—The 161st Indiana battalion and the 2d Illinois marched to Quemados camp from here this morning. They made a fine display and aroused considerable enthusiasm.

Wolfer-Hutchinson.

Miss Hutchinson and Mr. Wolfer will be united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, three miles southwest of the city on next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock by Rev. A. W. Hawkins of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Invitations have been received in the city to a Christmas dance which will be given at the Leland hotel at Springfield on Monday, December 26, by Miss Caldwell and brother, daughter and son of Congressman and Mrs. B. F. Caldwell.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Penhallegon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., A. H. Mills, supt. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Intermediate at 4 p. m.
Strangers and others not worshiping elsewhere are cordially invited.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Frost Craft Pastor. Class meeting at 8:15 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Frank Ewing Supt. Public worship at 10:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermons by the pastor. Junior Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. Intermediate Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

EDWARD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Corner West William and Edward streets. Rev. Marion Stevenson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., John Patterson, Supt. Morning sermon and Lord's Supper at 10:45 a. m. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Corner North Water and East North streets. Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., W. J. Carter, superintendent. Preaching at 10:45 by the pastor.
Sunday school at East Park Chapel at 2:30 p. m., J. F. Saxton, supt.
Junior Endeavor at 3:30 p. m.; Bonnie Hutsinpiller, supt. Intermediate Endeavor at 6:30 p. m., Norman Coughlin, supt. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by pastor.

EAST PARK CHAPEL.
Sabbath school at East Park Mission, 2.30, J. Edward Saxton, superintendent.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.
Rev. W. F. Gillmore, D.D., pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m., L. C. Felt leader. Sunday School at 2 p. m., W. L. Shellabarger, supt. Epworth League Monday evening at 7:00. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. every Wednesday. Sunday services, 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.
Corner of N. Broadway and Eldorado streets, Rev. M. B. Spayd, pastor. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. Monday evening at 7.30. Prayer meeting and teachers' meeting Wednesday at 7:00 and 8:00 p. m.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Corner of West Eldorado and Monroe streets. Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., W. F. Vaughan, supt. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m., Charles Steimbaugh, president.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Corner of Church and Eldorado streets. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:45. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. No evening service.
Mayflower Mission Sunday school, corner Green and Dunham streets, at 2:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited to these services.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Corro Gordo streets. M. S. Newcomer, D. D., pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor. Subject, "The Bible Church Teaches." Evening subject, "The Safety of Young Men." The prelude will relate to "The Empire of the Pulpit." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. H. W. Ruffner, rector. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Morning prayer, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer and address at 7:30.
Holy Communion at All Souls' Mission at 7:30 a. m. by the rector of St. John's.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Review Building, second floor. Morning service at 10:30, subject, "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Mortality Force?" Evening service at 7:45, subject, "The Captivity of Judah." Wednesday evening meeting at 7:45. All are welcome.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Main and William streets. Rev. H. A. W. Yonge, pastor. Sunday School at 9:15 a. m., Dr. N. D. Myers, Supt. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Eldorado and North. Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Mrs. Prof. Calvin, Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Earl Merritts, Supt. Communion at 10:45, followed by a sermon on "Teaching Jesus in the Life of Paul." Junior C. E. at 3 p. m., Senior at 6:15. At 7:30 the pastor will deliver the second in his present series of "wonder lectures" on "Seven Wonders of the Bible." Music by the large chorus.

CHRISTIAN UNION MISSION.
At W. C. T. U. Hall. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Union Gospel meeting at 3:30 p. m.

BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The weekly bank statement shows the reserve increased $230,075, loans increased $6,246,500, specie increased $3,258,600, deposits increased $10,204,100. The banks hold $16,972,395 in excess of the legal requirements.

A Fine Play.

Manager Given today is receiving congratulations from playgoers generally on the excellent performance given last night at the Grand. It was something new for Decatur in stage pictures and verbiage, and the story of phases of fashionable life in New York was illustrated in a capital manner by the Kelcey-Shannon company, a combination which it would be difficult to match for cleverness in every detail of impersonation. The play was Clyde Fitch's original comedy-drama, "The Moth and the Flame," in three acts. The art of the author gave to each character a strong individuality and as the story was unraveled the pathetic and humorous phases of life were brought out forcibly to teach a lesson or give somewhat cynical drives at the foibles of "swell sets," which are not confined exclusively to Gotham. Mr Kelcey and Miss Shannon won fresh laurels as popular stars of the stage and the large audience present came away delighted with the entertainment. The support was excellent throughout, while the costumes and stage accessories were in keeping with the story. The church scene was a special feature. Two seasons ago the company appeared at the Grand in "A Coat of Many Colors" and made a hit. Manager Given will doubtless secure the company for another date.

Church Note.

Rev. Hawkins has selected a delightful theme for Sunday morning. His theme at night will be "Lack of Wedding Garments." The services will be revival in character. At the evening service Miss Wood will sing a solo and Mrs. Logan and Richard Glover will sing a duet.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Perry at the home of Mrs. Perry's parents, three miles southwest of the city on Friday, December 16, a son.

Dinner. Where? On East Main street. How much? 25 cents. Where does the money go? To pay off the Baptist church debt. All right, we'll go.—177-d4t

No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma, but it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of these diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church have pledged $1000 to the church debt. The profits from their dinner and supper will be turned into this fund.—17-d4t

"Monte Cristo" Outdone.

The increase of wealth has been prodigious since the time of our civil war, especially in America. When I was a boy, anyone who had $100,000 to his name was considered fairly rich; but at present people think little of a trifle like that. Even in Europe, where fortunes are gained much less rapidly than with us, a property must now be many times larger than in the first half of the century, before it begins to dazzle society. I suppose some of you have read "Monte Cristo;" and you know that few things were too extravagant for the imagination of Alexander Dumas. He meant that his romantic hero should lead the whole world in magnificence, and probably thought of giving him the biggest bank account ever heard of. But Monte Cristo was worth only a fraction of what several real men now living can show. This was not the sort of mistake you would have expected from Dumas. It would have cost him only a stroke of the pen to multiply the hoard in the Mediterranean island a hundred times; but although his novel was written when he was 40 years old, he could not foresee that his fiction would be utterly distanced by solid facts before he died.—E. H. House, in St. Nicholas.

A False Alarm.

"Oh, John dear," said Mrs. Nervous, "I'm so glad you've come home. I want you to go right out and have that new neighbor of ours arrested. He has been beating his wife and family all the morning, and the way they moan is too horrible for anything! It has thrown me into hysterics and a nervous headache and—there! there! do you hear that? Isn't it awful?"

But John, dear, looked out the window and only smiled.

"Why, what do you mean?" screamed his wife. "Are you as heartless as he? Will you, too, look on and hear a poor woman and her innocent children beaten to—"

"There, there, my dear, calm yourself. It's only the pulley on the new building that's going up on the next corner. It needs a little oil."—Detroit Free Press.

Old-Time High Buildings.

Lanciani, the famous Roman archaeologist, has shown that in the Rome of the Caesars trouble was experienced with high buildings. A law was passed restricting the height of fronts to 60 feet. In order to evade it builders adopted the practice of carrying up the rear portion several stories more. Other laws bearing on the height of buildings were passed in old times. There was a tendency to diminish the height of stories as the buildings increased in size, and a height of 130 feet was probably attained. It is believed that the ceilings were so low that a man could not stand upright in the rooms.—Youth's Companion.

A Record for Pulling Teeth.

A famous dentist of New York city died recently at the age of 94, during a vacation journey in Europe. He was widely known in his profession as one of the first users of nitrous oxide, popularly denominated "laughing gas;" but a circumstance that made a deeper impression upon the popular imagination is that he held the world's record for pulling teeth. He claimed to have removed a million. It is a sad thing for science that such a man could not be fitted with a phonograph attachment; undoubtedly he had heard every tone and inflection of which the human voice is capable.—London Tit-Bits.

LIVES LOST IN COLLISION.

NEW CASTLE ON TYNE, Dec. 17.—The steamer Pierromont has been in collision with the steamer Ilios in the North Sea. The Ilios foundered. The Pierremont was badly damaged. It is believed that 20 persons were drowned.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Take dinner with the Baptist Ladies next Thursday and help them pay off their church debt.—1-d4t

Rev. George F. Hall arrived home this morning from Stonington, Ill., where he appeared last night in the Citizens' Lyceum Course. Tuesday and Wednesday nights he lectured at Viroqua, Wis., the old home town of Uncle Jerry Rusk. This was his second two-night engagement in Viroqua in a little over a year. He will fill his pulpit at the Tabernacle tomorrow morning and evening.

Rev. Hall today signed contract for the appearance in this city of the Canadian Jubilee Singers, which is said to be the finest troupe of the kind in the world. They will appear here in February.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Rolin V. Mollory will preach at the Leafland avenue chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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HUMOROUS.

Visitor—"And what is the special distinction of this theater?" Actor—"I!"—Fliegende Blaetter.

"There goes young Skimmins, the artist." "Artist? Black and white?" "Ochre — mediocre." — Indianapolis Journal.

Hingso—"He's a queer fellow." Jingso—"You bet! He told me yesterday that he didn't like solitude unless he had a girl with him."—Syracuse Herald.

"The sheriff out our way has a sinecure," said Texas Ted. "How is that?" "The mob jinirally does his work for him."—Philadelphia North American.

"If you pass your college examination I'll pay all your debts." "Why, uncle, do you want me to work for the benefit of my creditors?"—Fliegende Blaetter.

"Must you tear yourself away?" she asked. "Yes," he answered, struggling to leave his chair, "it begins to look as if I must." He had been sitting on her chewing gum.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

Johnny (aged six)—"I say, Bob, I really believe I'm getting old." Bob—"How's that?" Johnny—"My ma's paid my fare in the 'lectrics three times lately without kickin'."—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Newlywed (reading)—"Nobody ever yet saw a dead mule." Mrs. Newlywed (who is thinking of something else and not listening)—"Don't you think your life insurance premiums are a waste of money, John?"—Boston Journal.

Rural Aunt—"And what do you work at when you are at home?" City Nephew (on a vacation)—"Why, I attend school. I'm studying for a doctor." Rural Aunt—"Do tell! Ain't the doctor able to do his own studying?"—Chicago Daily News.

Mrs. Henpeck—"Do you dare to look me in the face and say that?" Mr Henpeck—"Not on your life. I propose to always reserve the right to dodge whenever I make a remark to you." The rolling pin struck a corner of the mantel and fell harmlessly to the floor.—Cleveland Leader.

UP THE ALPS BY RAIL.

Contemporary Civilization Is Unmistakably Fulfilling Napoleon's Prophecy.

"There shall be no Alps," said Napoleon, and he dragged his army over them. Modern science has accomplished the same annihilation. The new electric railway up the side of Gornergrat, one of the highest peaks of the range, will be opened soon. So elated is the engineer with his success that he is already planning to build a road up the steep ascent of Mount Blanc, "the monarch of mountains." The road up Gornergrat is ten miles long and rises by a gradient of about one foot in five during most of its ascent, reaching its highest point at Ryffelalp station. This is situated on the ridge and is over 10,000 feet above the level of the sea and lies between Findelen and Gorner glaciers.

From Gornergrat the traveler has a view unrivaled throughout the Alps. It has long been the favorite excursion of Swiss travelers, who ascended it to Zermatt by a mule path with comparative safety and comfort. Beyond a footpath ascends almost to the top, but its dangers and difficulties forbid its ascent to all but the most intrepid mountain climbers. The new road, however, brings it within the reach of all.

Ryffelalp there overlooks the entire Findelen valley and the traveler might be well satisfied to return by the way he came. However, the engineer has been even more considerate. By reversing the direction of his train he carries you right down into and through the valley, bringing you back by a beautiful circuitous route to Zermatt.

The trains will be driven by electricity generated from the torrent that flows from the Findelen glacier, a huge pipe down the mountain side carrying the water at a high pressure to the dynamos beneath the bridge. The dynamos are capable of developing 1,500 horse power, and the current will be conveyed by overhead wires to the motors attached to the carriages. The bridge across the Findelen is unique, as it is 164 feet above the river, or 16 feet higher than the bridge at Fribourg, hitherto the highest railway bridge in Switzerland. The eletrical motors will drive on to a central cogged rail, between the two ordinary rails, as the gradient is much too steep for the train to be driven by simple adhesion.—Boston Journal.

Forest Preservation in Bohemia.

After many centuries, during which the forests of Bohemia have furnished fuel and building material for a dense population, it is said that they retain nearly their primeval area. This is due to the forethought of the government in ordaining that as trees are cut down others shall be planted to fill the vacancy. The wood is mostly pine. Trees are constantly being cut, but wherever a clearing is made small trees are planted the next spring. These new trees are raised from seed in small inclosures scattered in the mountains and are thence transplanted.—Chicago Chronicle.

Carried Too Far.

"Timmins, you don't seem to be making as much love to the landlady as you did."

"Had to ease up a little. She thought she had me so sure that she could put off the scraps and meat ends on me, as if I were already married to her."—Indianapolis Journal.

How He Escaped.

She—And is it true that you pose as an amateur mind reader?

He—I believe some of my friends accuse me of it.

"I wish you would read my mind."

"Why, er—you haven't an amateur mind, have you?"—Chicago Evening News.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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And get you interested we have made prices that cannot be duplicated later. We begin with Children's Handkerchiefs at one cent each, and ascend by easy steps to Fine Real Lace and Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs costing Ten Dollars each.

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Ladies' Plain H. S. Irish Linen Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' India Linen Handkerchiefs, trimmed with Valenciennes Lace Inserting and Lace Edge.
Ladies' Plain H. S. and Initial Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Belfast Embroidered and H. S. Handkerchiefs.
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Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hand hemstitched.

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Ladies' Soft Bleached Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Hand Embroidered and Hemstitched All Linen Handkerchiefs.
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Ladies' St. Gall Embroidered Handkerchiefs—60 styles.

At 25c Each

At the above price we show a grand assortment comprising Hand Embroidered All Linen, Embroidered and Edged with Valenciennes Lace, Fine Linen with Mexican Drawn Work, Fine Linen Cambric Embroidered and edged with Footing.
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Gents' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs at 10c.
Gents' Japonet Hand'fs in new designs at 12½c.
Gents' Fine Linen Hemstitched Handk'fs at 15c.
Gents' Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and hand embroidered Initial, at 25c.
Gents' Fine Linen Cambric hemstitched Handkerchiefs, in ⅛, ¼, ½ and 1 inch hem, 25c.
Gents' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered Initial, at 25c.
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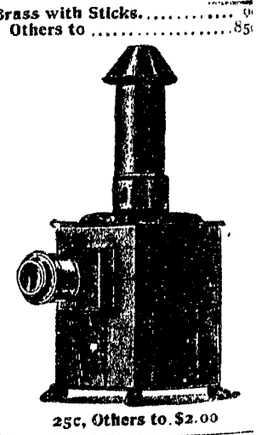
7-piece Water Set 39c.
100 piece Dinner Set $4.90.
7-piece Berry Set 19c.
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon 9c.

Brass with Sticks..... 9c
Others to 85c

18 inch Doll Buggy with 6½-inch wheels—rattan body.....15c
21-inch Doll Buggy with folding Parasols and steel wheels.....69c
20 inch Doll with Pat. Head.....10c
16-inch Kid Dolls, Bisque Head.....25c



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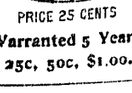

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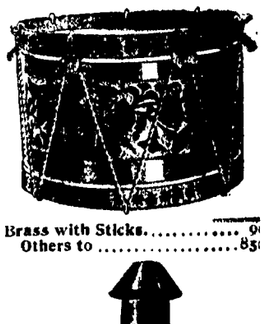

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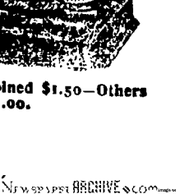

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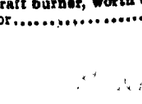

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Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.
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The Dunkard meetings which have been in progress in the Gebhart hall this week have attracted good sized audiences every night and considerable interest is being manifested. Elder Menno Stafford of Mansfield is conducting the services.

King Air Rifles please the boys for Christmas. Decatur Gun Co.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, strong, vigorous body makes him fit for the battle of life. Sold by all druggists.

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We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at once. Peddecord, Barrows & Co.—31-dtf

Stole a Wheel.

Joseph Becker of the Brenneman Bros. wholesale liquor firm, had a bicycle stolen from him last night. The wheel was of Warwick make and was almost new.

Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell tickets between points on its line on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip Tickets god returning until January 3. Call on your ticket agent for particulars as to territory—2-28d

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

Pay Car.

The Wabash pay car visited Decatur today and left a big lot of money which will go into circulation.

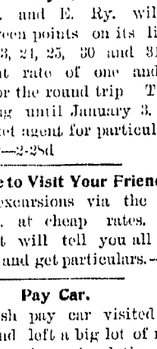
Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Boll, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky."

Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Druggists.

No Ice Cut.

As yet no ice has been cut from the river. D. A. Mafflit has the ice marked off in several places and will be ready to cut and harvest as soon as the weather grows colder and the ice becomes thicker. At present the ice is six and a half inches thick.



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chief of the western division of the great railroad system, was a man whose instincts were as noble as his purpose was strong and masterful. He left behind him a reputation that can never perish while California endures. Energy and singleness of purpose ever meets its just reward. Thus C. L. Griswold & Co. are triumphing in their line of Buck's Steel Ranges and Air-Blast Triumph Furnaces.

Going Home to Spend Christmas.

Cheap rates via the P. D. and E Ry. during the holidays. Confer freely with ticket agent as to particulars, or correspond with A. G. Palmer, G. P. A, P. D. and E. Ry., Evansville, Ind. —2-28d

Holiday Rates Via I. C. R. R.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Illinois Central will sell tickets within a distance of 200 miles at rate of one and one-third fare round trip. Good going December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899. Good returning until and including January 4, 1899. For tickets call at city office or depot.—3-d10t

Be Good.

To your friend who is an amateur photographer and select one of those elegant mounting albums for his or her Christmas present. They are the very latest out and we have them from 50 cents to $5.

Bindings of art cloth, half or full morocco. Interchangeable leaves of the best quality mount board.

Nothing will be more appreciated by any owner of a camera.

No trouble to show our goods. Please call. Decatur Gun Co.

Notice.

The Salvation Army of Decatur will give a free dinner for the poor on Monday, December 26. Everyone is asked to lend a helping hand so all that are interested and willing to help in the Christmas dinner will please send their gifts to the Army hall. Donations in money can be sent to Room 17, Syndicate block. Food of all kinds received at the Army hall Saturday, December 24, or early Monday morning, December 26. All donations will be thankfully received by the officers in charge. Ensign Kierstead and Lieutenant Wilson.—15-d1w

FOR JUDGE, JURY AND CLIENT.

The death of a stepfather is held, in Marshall vs. Macon Sash, Door & Lumber company (Ga.), 41 L. R. A. 211, to give no right of action to a stepchild.

A mandamus to compel the performance of an act by the governor of a state is held, in people, Broderick vs. Morton (N. Y), 41 L. R. A. 234, to be beyond the power of the court.

Samples of merchandise carried by a traveling salesman are held, in Kansas City, P. & G. R. company vs. state (Ark.), 41 L. R. A 333, not to be baggage within a statute regulating charges on excess baggage.

Practicing physicians are held, in state, Burroughs vs. Webster (Ind.) 41 L. R. A. 212, to be subject to the power of the legislature to require new examinations for a license to determine their fitness.

The reasonableness of an ordinance prohibiting a person to ride a bicycle with handle bars more than four inches below the top of the saddle is held, in Moore vs. District of Columbia (D. C.) 41 L. R. A. 268, to be a question of fact to be determined by evidence.

An agreement by one who sells a business and its good will that he will not engage in the same business in the United States for 25 years is held, in Lufkin Rule company vs. Triengch (O.), 41 L. R. A. 185, to be invalid, as tending to create a monopoly.

Failure to equip freight cars with self-couplers is held, in Greenlee vs Southern Railroad company (N. C.), 41 L. R. A. 399, to constitute negligence per se. It is also held that this is continuing negligence which will preclude the defense of the brakeman's contributory negligence.

Can Sleep Like a Babe.

How many persons over 30 years of age in Decatur can truthfully make the above statement? Many persons would pay $50 for a few nights of restful strength giving sleep, but you can get this bliss right here in Decatur for only 50 cents at Armstrong Bros. drug store, if you will take Mrs. Mary Smith's advice who lives at 1511 Cooper St., Jackson, Mich. Mrs. Smith says: "No one knows how much I have suffered for the past three years. At times my back would pain me so badly that I almost cried. I did not rest well at night on account of the severe pain across my kidneys and from nervousness. My feet and limbs were swollen like one with dropsy. I was subject to spells of dizziness and would almost fall when they would come on me. It is needless for me to say that I was unable to do my heavy housework that would require me to bend or lift any. In the early stage of my trouble I was informed that my kidneys were diseased, so I commenced to take kidney pills and other kidney remedies, but none of them gave me relief. My troubles multiplied and I had about given up all hope of ever being well again. I read about Morrow's Kid-ne-oids and procured a box and took them according to directions. In three days' time I was greatly relieved. ONE BOX COMPLETELY CURED ME. Not the least symptoms of backache remain, my nerves are steady and all right; no more spells of dizziness, the swelling has all disappeared in my feet and limbs. I can sleep like a babe. Have a splendid appetite, can do any kind of household work and in fact never felt better in my life. Morrow's Kid-ne-oids are surely a God send to suffering humanity. I feel so good that I want every one to know about this wonderful cure, and desire my statement published that all who read may know what to take if afflicted as I have been."

Mrs. Smith has lived in Jackson, Mich., nearly all her life and is a most estimable lady. She is sensible, pleasant and a charitable lady and will gladly give anyone further details who will write her enclosing stamp for reply.

Kid-ne-oids are yellow tablets (not pills) and cure kidney ailments and nervousness. They are for sale by Armstrong Bros., druggists, or will be mailed by the manufacturers on receipt of price. John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

Wabash Team.

Next Tuesday night the Wabash bowling team will have charge of the Floyd alleys for two or three hours. Some big scores will be put on the board.

If the advice of a fool for once happens to be good, it requires a wise man to carry it out.—Lessing.

SPRINGFIELD EASY

For Decatur Y. M. C. A. Players.

DECATUR WON IN BASKET BALL

Game was Played in Corn Carnival Building Last Night—About 200 Spectators Were Present.

The Springfield basket ball team is the easiest thing that the Decatur Y. M. C. A. boys have tackled for a long time. The teams of the two associations played last night at the corn carnival building and the score was 24 to 2 in favor of Decatur. There were about 200 persons present to witness the game. The Decatur boys did good work and the Springfield team did some very poor playing. The members of the team were unable to throw the ball in the goal and were entirely outclassed by the Decatur team. The Springfield team was somewhat handicapped on account of the fact that James and Constant, two of the best players, were absent. The Decatur boys did some excellent team work and showed that they had been benefited by the practice they have had. During the game Springfield made seven fowls which scored two points for Decatur. The lineup of the two teams was as follows:

Decatur—White l. f.; DeHart, r. f.; Williams, c.; Johnson, l. g.; Barr, r. g.

Springfield—Constant, l. f.; Ayers, r. f.; Bell, c.; Neal and Davidson, l. f.; Dudako, r. g.

Lloyd and Pitner were umpires. Prof. Hotelling was referee, J. H. Latham was time keeper and Homer Erwin scorer. In the first half Decatur scored 15 points and Springfield 2 points, and in the second half Decatur raised the score to 24, while Springfield did not succeed in making another point. Neal, of the Springfield team, got a slight injury and gave up his place to Davidson. There were no accidents of a serious nature.

SECOND GAME.

The Y. M. C. A. second team and the High school boys played a short game of two 15-minute halves. It was a good game and interested the spectators. At the close of the first half the score was 5 to 1 in favor of the Y. M. C. A. and at the end of the game the score was 8 to 5 in favor of the association team. The officials were the same as in the other game and the lineup was as follows:

High School—Leonard, c.; Keller, l.; Lindsay, f.; Prater, g.; Grout, g.

Y. M. C. A.—Covington, c.; Clary, f.; Howenstine, f.; Spies, g.; Irwin, g.

WILL PLAY AGAIN.

The Decatur and Springfield teams each have one game and they will probably play the rubber at Springfield some time soon. The date has not yet been decided upon. The Springfield team arrived in the city Friday afternoon and were accompanied by General Secretary Lloyd. They were entertained at the Arcade hotel.

SPARROWS SCARCE.

The Small Boys Have Killed Them and Few Can be Found.

The sparrows are becoming very scarce in the city. The crusade of the small boys against the birds has cleaned them out and they seem to be nearly all slaughtered or frightened away. Within the past few days very few sparrow heads have been brought to City Clerk Hays for the purpose of claiming the bounty. The boys did a rushing business during the first part of the month and it is believed that by the first of the year the sparrows will have nearly all disappeared for the season.

ELECTION NIGHT

At Progress Rebekah and Court of Honor—Masons Banquet.

Officers for Decatur District Court, No. 9, Court of Honor, were elected last night as follows:

Worthy Chancellor—Charles E. Head.
Worthy Vice Chancellor—Mrs. Ida M. Keyes.
Medical Directors—Dr. L. H. Clark, Dr. H. M. Wood, Dr. Pierce Collins.
Worthy Recorder—Dr. J. M. Blythe.
Worthy Treasurer—Mrs. Mattie B. Wilson.
Worthy Director—Robert F. Davidson.
Worthy Chaplain—Mrs. Florence Padgett.
Worthy Conductor—J. W. Shoemaker.
Worthy Guard—Henry A. Wood.
Worthy Sentinel—Robert W. Weigand.
Organist—Mrs. Flora E. Wood.

PROGRESS REBEKAHS.

Progress Rebekah Lodge, No. 141, at its regular meeting last evening elected the following officers:

N. G.—Mrs. Fannie Pierce.
V. G.—Mrs. Mary McLean.
R. S.—Mrs. Mollie Metcalf.
F. S.—Miss C. Murphy.
Secretary—Mrs. M. Bell.
Trustees—Mrs. John Reeve, Mrs. May Pitcher, Miss Cordie Underwood and Miss Jennie B. Taylor.
Vice Deputy—Miss Cordie Underwood.

The latter lady was also elected captain of degree staff. Mrs. May Zieger was elected pianist.

Macon Lodge, No. 8, A. F. and A. M., held an interesting meeting last evening. William Schlemm was given the work of the third degree. About 100 visitors were present from the lodges of the neighboring towns and the members and guests enjoyed a banquet at the Snarr restaurant.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Hattie Price of Elwin is the guest of Dr. W. C. Bowers and wife.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. James of Mansfield are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowers.

—Mrs. G. S. Kurtz of Fisher, Ill., is the guest of Decatur friends

—James Emery of Fresno, California, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Bettie Stewart.

—City Attorney J. M. Lee is home from Chicago, where he has been on business.

—Mrs. Dr. Forrest and children of Portland, Oregon, are the guests of Mrs. Dr. Forrest's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lam.

—Miss Abbie Lincoln, who has been teaching school near Sullivan, has resigned because of ill health and will spend the remainder of the winter with her mother, Mrs. D. M. Lincoln.

—Miss Laura Rhinehart of Cisco, Mrs. J. P. Crea of Monticello, Mrs. William Ritchie of Warrensburg, Mr. and Mrs. David Blalock, Mr. Maggie Outten, Mrs. H. C. Brougham, Mrs. A. Elliott of Mt. Zion, Mrs. L. M. Sanders of Long Creek, Mrs. B. H. Armstrong of Niantic, Mrs. D. Thatcher of Emery, Mrs. Ella Price of Illiopolis, Miss Ella Parks, Niantic and Mesdames D. Griswold and Crane of Blue Mound were among the out of town shoppers in the city yesterday.

Fear Children on Vegetables.

A German scientist and philanthropist, Prof. Baron, who died recently, had a great scheme for the rearing of children on a strictly vegetarian diet. He believed that the result would prove that men and women may be just as strong and healthy when they live on a wholly vegetable diet as on a part meat and part vegetable diet. Prof Baron bequeathed the sum of $177,500 to the city of Berlin to found an educational institution for the trial of his unique experiment. His offer has not yet been accepted because the common council is not able to agree. The matter has been publicly discussed in a very vigorous manner, and the vegetarians in Berlin are making a strong effort to force the acceptance of the money. They have proposed that a test in the shape of a walking match between vegetarian and meat-eating children be made to determine their relative strength.—Philadelphia Press

The Moor and the Spaniard.

Having seen something of Spain, I have my theories, and they are as follows: We are accustomed to look upon the Spaniard as a European. He is not one; he is largely a Moor in blood and much more in character. The Moor did not possess his country for 800 years and leave it as if he had not been there. It is from him the Spaniard of to-day gets his religious fanaticism, his fatalism, much of his architecture and music, his pride and ceremonious manner, his social characteristics (appearing chiefly in his treatment of women), his tribal instincts, and want of administrative capacity, which have made it impossible for the various petty kingdoms of Spain ever to really unite under one stable government; his want of capability of preparation and finally his bloodthirstiness, which last, unhappily, cannot be denied.—Capt. Chadwick, U. S. N., in Scribner's.

Sheep in Great Britain.

The county figures just issued showing the number of sheep kept in Great Britain this year point to a slight but welcome increase of prosperity for our flockmasters. In England there has been an average increase of ten head for every 1,000 sheep, in Scotland an increase of 22, and in Wales of 23. The average number of sheep to every 1,000 cultivated acres in Great Britain is 403, the total stock being nearly 27,000,000. The best stocked county is Kent, with 957 head to each 1,000 acres; the worst—leaving out the county of London—is Cheshire, with 145. London is included in the returns as a sheep county, although it is far and away at the bottom of the list with an aggregate stock of only 5,437 out of the 27,000,000 kept in Great Britain.—Tit-Bits.

He Was Surprised.

The Primleys entertained their pedro club a few evenings ago, and after tea Mr. Plimley put on his dress suit.

Little Percey eyed him suspiciously while he was dressing, and finally said:

"Papa, you thaid you wath going to thtay home thith evening."

"So I am, my dear little boy," Percey's papa replied.

Little Percey clapped his hands, jumped up and down, and in great glee cried:

"Oh! And with that thuit on?"—Cleveland Leader.

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IMMENSE CROWD ATTENDANT

At the Annual Presbyterian Feast and Sale Given by Ladies of the Church — Supper From 5 to 8 This Evening.

The dinner, supper and sale which the ladies of the First Presbyterian church are holding at the church today has surpassed any previous affair of this kind given at the church so far as the special sale has been concerned. The articles at the fancy, household and domestic tables and the art department are unusually practical in price and design while bearing out the most artistic ideas. The affair is in charge of the ladies society of the church of which Mrs. Peter Loeb is president.

The reception committee is composed of Mesdames Penhallegon, A. T. Hill, H. C. Johns, James Milliken and D. H. Conklin.

In order to promptly serve the visitors three additional tables were placed in the parlors, making eight in all. They were handsomely decorated in cut flowers and potted plants. For dinner the tables were in charge of the following ladies:

No. 1—Miss Alice Roberts, assisted by Miss Richmond, Miss Sallie Shaffer and Miss Jennie Bills.

No. 2.—Mrs. E. A. West, assisted by Mesdames Love, Vlelertich and Terry.

No. 3—Mrs. Morris, assisted by Mesdames Hancock, Holmes and Good.

No. 4—Miss Edith Lytle, assisted by Misses Nell Schroder, Laura Shaffer, Mame Bivens and Miss Whitmer.

No. 5—Mrs. Moore, assisted by Mrs. Wilcoxon and Misses Bertha Randolph and Gussie Bone.

No. 6—Mrs. W. H. Suffern, assisted by Miss Baldwin, Miss Antrim and Miss Bevans.

No. 7—Mrs. Tom Hardy, assisted by Miss Anna Roberts, Mrs. Will Nicholson and Miss Nicholson.

No. 8—Mrs. Given, assisted by Mrs. Guard, Miss Clara Weyl and Mrs. John Graham.

FOR SUPPER.

The tables for supper will be in charge of the ladies, as follows:

No. 1—Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Hugg, Mrs. McConnell.

No. 2—Mrs. Swigart, assisted by Mrs. Haag, Mrs. Hutchin and Mrs. Leach.

No. 3—Mrs. Dunn, assisted by Mesdames Boyer, Flack and Dennis.

No. 4—Mrs. Hinkle, assisted by Mesdames Adams and Hancock.

No. 5—Mrs. Haag, assisted by Mrs. Lucy Roberts, Julia Nicholson and Miss Krebbs.

No. 6—Mrs. J. D. Moore, assisted by Mesdames Will Hostetler, Ada Lytle and Richmond.

No. 7—Mrs. Davis, Mrs. G. Boyer and Mrs. Sterling.

No. 8—Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. Hitchins, Mrs. Akers, Miss Francis and Miss Bevans.

The kitchen is in charge of Mrs. B. Lytle, Mrs. T. T. Roberts, Mrs. Aten, Mrs. Lytle, Mrs. Sterritt, Mrs. Shilling.

Dining Rooms—Mrs. I. N. Barnes, Mrs. H. C. Anthony, Mrs. George Mueller, Mrs. Shilling, Mrs. George Stadler and Mrs. Busher.

THE SALE.

Fancy Table—Miss Alice Roberts, Mrs. E. A. West. A large variety of dainty fancy articles are for sale at this table.

Household Table—Mrs. J. D. Moore and assistants. Here canned fruit, pickles, plum pudding, jellies, preserves, etc., are for sale.

Domestic Table—Mesdames S. Nesbitt, Bridges, Dumont, Wilcoxon, I. D. Barnes, H. I. Baldwin, H. Jones, Taggart, Walker. Aprons, sheets and laundry bags, sweeping caps, bedroom slippers, etc.

Children's Table—Misses Lucy Roberts and Edith Lytle. The work here shown was done by the children of the church. Fancy dressed dolls, doylies, handkerchiefs, etc., are for sale.

Candy Table—Miss Belle Ewing in charge, assisted by Mrs. Marian Graham, Mrs. George Danforth and Mrs. Noy Montgomery.

Ice cream tables in charge of Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. S. T. Nesbitt, Miss Gussie Bone and Miss Gasaway.

Art Department—Mrs. M. W. Shultz assisted by Mrs. J. M. Sellers, Mrs. I. N. Barnes, Mrs. H. C. Anthony, Mrs. D. Riddell, Mrs. Stanton.

This departmetn includes a number of water color sketches, neatly framed in passe partout and gold frames, water color stamp cases, candelbras and a number of dainty articles. The water colors are particularly fine and are largely the work of Mrs. Shilling and Mrs. Sellers.

An elaborate turkey dinner with the usual entrees was served from 11 to 1. The usual supper will be served from 5 to 8 this evening. Ice cream, candies, etc., will be on sale throughout the evening.

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CONFEDERATE DEAD.

"The time has now come, in the evolution of sentiment and feeling, under the providence of God, when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care of the graves of the confederates."

These are the words of President McKinley in a speech before the Georgia legislature December 14, 1898, and what patriot is there who will not endorse the sentiment and the occasion which caused them to be uttered. Thirty-three years ago after four years of bloody war between the north and the south, in which the south fought to set up a confederacy consisting of 10 states, while the north fought to enforce the prerogative of the national government and to defeat the dogma that, under the constitution, a state had the right reserved to it to withdraw from the union, in which conflict more than half a million Americans yielded their lives on the battlefield or in the hospitals and prisons and nearly a million more were made cripples for life, and that left nearly two million mothers, wives, sisters and orphans to mourn for those loved ones who did not return. In none of the wars of the world was such magnificent heroism displayed as in that war with Americans behind the guns on either side.

An English officer who observed the battle about Santiago from the American side, reports that next to the bravery displayed by the Americans he was most impressed with the remarkable fact that nowhere along the battleline, no matter how intense the conflict, was a single spark of malice, hate or retaliation shown by the American troops. What the English officer observed at Santiago was true in the civil war. Americans have convictions. As volunteer soldiers these convictions do not leave them and they fight, not for the satisfaction of shedding blood, but to defend their convictions. This was true in a greater degree in the civil war than at Santiago, and when an enemy fell into the lines of its foe if he was hungry he was given meat, if he was thirsty he was given drink, if he was sick or wounded his foe ministered unto him and if he was dead they buried him, and in thousands of instances, where it was possible, his relatives were apprised of his fate. There was absolutely no passion or hatred in the war among the combatants. It was civilization's contest for the mastery touching antagonistic principles which had disturbed and endangered the peace of the republic from the day of its organization. The day of compromises had passed and it was ordained that these great questions should be settled forever in the blood of the sovereign people. In that conflict the dogma of state sovereignty went down forever, and the union and the flag were insured a glorious future.

The best fruit of that victory which established the nation has been plucked in the recent war with Spain. That war developed an undivided nation under one flag. The world was suddenly awakened to the power of the great republic and learned that it is a factor in the affairs of governments among men, and these great facts brought forth the president's declaration that we are one people and the time has come when all should unite in honoring the bravery of the American soldier, whether he fell as a federal or confederate in the civil war, or as an American at Santiago or Manila.

When Lee and Wheeler and Gordon, who were confederates, can fight for the flag beside Dewey, Shafter, Sampson, Miles and Schley, we can all stand at the graves of the dead and honor the dust that reposes there because it is the dust of an American.

It will not be in the form of mockery, but will be a hearty tribute. As there was no malice displayed by the contending hosts during the civil war, and as Grant refused to permit any salute for victory to be fired in the presence of the defeated confederates, as the Grand Army veteran has marched more than once side by side with the confederate veteran to the graves of friend and foe alike and as the twain stood side by side on the fields of Santiago and Manila, the people will heartily endorse the sentiment of President McKinley and join in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and in returning thanks to the God of Nations for His blessings upon this government of the people.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The Garton Brothers of England are agricultural scientists likely to make a figure in the world. They are reported to have doubled the yield of Fife wheat by crossing it with an Asian variety, increased a barley head with two rows to six rows, crossed English and Japanese oats until 50 pounds to the bushel is the yield, and not only crossed white and red clover, but made red clover a perennial. The benefactor who produced two bloodless of grass where only grew before is distanced by these experiments.

Sagasta is now trying to smoke out Don Carlos by asking Italy to request that he leave its soil. Sagasta should not forget that it was an order of that character that caused Dewey to turn up in Manila bay on the morning of May 1, 1898. Montejo will remember the result.

The president in his speeches in the south don't talk much as if he expected Bryan and Bailey would be able to haul down the American flag and he don't talk as if he had any intention of hauling it down at Porto Rico or the Philippines and he asks: "Who will haul it down?"

When General Wood was informed that two Cubans had arranged to fight a duel he promptly set a guard over each of their houses and ordered that the duel must not take place. These people might as well begin to absorb American ideas. Duels and bull fights won't go.

Ben F. Caldwell has declared that in his opinion that only the federal government should issue money. There are a lot of fellows in Macon county who don't care where Ben gets it.

General Wheeler should not become discouraged though it is somewhat annoying to attempt to be a patriot and maintain his standing in his party under the leadership of Bailey.

The followers of Aguinaldo are demonstrating that they are unfit to give the Philippines a fair government.

If Yost could not destroy the government, what is the use in his claiming it is in danger now after he has got back into the union.

AS BAD AS HE LOOKED.

One Time That the Bad Man Was Not Overcome by the Harmless Little Man.

It happened in a restaurant not far situated from the busy down-town district. That there were no arrests was due to the fact that the policeman on the beat arrived at the place about two minutes after the waiters had finished cleaning up the debris of broken dishes, bottles and glasses, and the victim had been taken to a nearby physician for repairs.

As the stranger entered the restaurant the trained eye of the waiter sized him up as one of the class of big, coarse, overbearing fellows met in all public places of a big city; one who, if allowed his way, would terrorize the peace-loving people who happened to be near, but who would succumb and confine himself to the space occupied by his unwieldy self if given to understand that size and "tough" manners had no special terrors for a man with pluck enough to back up his rights and self-respect. In brief, he was a good specimen of the "bad" man whose broad shoulders, big hands and ugly face terrorized women and children wherever he happened to be.

He gave his order in the manner expected. The waiter received it meekly, carefully arranged the linen, served the meal, and inquired of further wants as faithfully and promptly as if serving one of the regular patrons, who always concluded with a remembrance to "John" in the shape of the odd change that happened when the bill was paid. The meal did not suit. The butter was vile, potatoes not sufficiently fried, meat required an ax—in fact, everything connected with the meal was unsatisfactory to the "bad" man. This was just what was expected, and accepted by the waiter with the resignation that accompanies acceptance of the inevitable.

When he grew abusive, the proprietor, who had been observing the man since his entrance, was appealed to. The "bad" man refused to accept or pay for the meal, nor would he listen to reason from the proprietor. Reasoning wasn't his forte. His arguments were made with fists, and he had made up his mind on the subject under discussion and nobody could change it. He also intimated a desire to clean out the restaurant in order that possible future customers should not be made victims of as he had been.

The proprietor all this time was endeavoring to restrain himself, but from the determined expression on his face, had the "bad" man been observant he would have discovered that unless he changed his tactics something would happen, and that it would happen to him. When, in emphasizing an expressed determination to not be swindled, the "bad" man appeared to forget himself and brought his big fist down on the table with sufficient force to jar a dish from the table causing it to fall to the floor and break, the proprietor, known as a man of determination but few words lost his self-restraint.

Then it happened. He took hold of the "bad" man and started to drag him out of his chair and to the front door. It did not last long. When the excitement was over the waiters dragged the quiet but determined proprietor from beneath the mass of crockery, glassware, parts of the table and other remnants accumulated during the battle, while the "bad" man walked slowly down the street and into a place where, judging from the absence of excitement, he found the eating more to his liking.

All of which led to a remark by one customer who had been an apparently disinterested spectator, that "sometimes people are as tough as they look."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A Sliding Scale.

"How long will it take you to teach the lad the trade?"

"That depends on how much you pay me. For 100 marks I'll teach him in a year, and for 200 marks you can take the boy home with you now."—Fliegende Blaetter

In 1870 there were only 1700 newspapers published in all Spain, and today the number is still smaller.

To "dance attendance" is an expression borrowed from the medieval custom which compelled the bride at a wedding to dance with whosoever asked her.

THE TRUE STORY

Of the Confiding Woman, the Cynical Man and the Bearded Lady.

The scene is a comfortable sitting room Mr. Lovegood is buried in a book and his wife is scanning the advertisements in the evening paper. Suddenly Mrs. Lovegood says: "Say! dear," in a voice that makes Mr. Lovegood almost drop his book. "Well, what is it??" he says with a laugh, "another real genuine bargain offer?" "I don't know that you'd call it that" his wife replied. "But, yes, you might," she continued "for it is a bargain offer of free medical advice" "Let's hear all about it, my dear," said her husband. "But you know I'm a little dubious about your bargains. Your 'swans so often turn out to be geese.'" "Well, then, it's an offer by a woman (physician) to give free medical advice by letter, and it says it's better to write to a woman because a man can't understand a woman, just because he's a

man, and it says too that it's just revolting to go to a man physician anyhow." And Mrs. Lovegood stopped because she was out of breath.

"I bet you," said her husband, "that the advertisement don't say she's a woman physician." "Why, yes it does," said his wife, as she looked at the advertisement again. "Well, no, I guess it doesn't say she's a physician, but it means the same thing for it says that "it is a woman whose experience in treating woman's diseases is greater than that of any living physician, male or female." Mr. Lovegood chuckled and said, "That's what I love about you, my dear. You are so ready to believe without question when there's a bargain in view. If you were a little fish, I'd catch you every time with a rubber worm if I put a bargain sign above the hook."

"Oh! do be serious for once," cried Mrs. Lovegood. "Then, to be serious," he replied, "this woman doesn't claim to be a physician. She would claim to be a physician if she could, because, she is trying to convey the impression in every other way than by a direct claim that she is a physician. She is not therefore a physician and can never have practiced medicine. Yet not being a physician and therefore never having practiced medicine, she claims to have had 'experience in treating woman's diseases, greater than any living physician.' Now the question is, since she never practiced medicine, where did she get that experience?'

"Well, that is so," Mrs. Lovegood somewhat reluctantly admitted, "but then she IS a WOMAN." "I'm not so sure about that even," said her husband. "It looks to me as if some man was 'working' the women with the 'bearded lady' act."

"Bearded lady act! Do you mean to say that they have dime museum freaks for doctors? Why you must be foolish, or else amazingly prejudiced," cried his wife.

"You are too literal, my dear," said Mr. Lovegood. "What I mean by the 'bearded lady' act is that some man is posing as a woman, writing over a woman's signature or using a woman as a stalking horse, assuming a woman's character to mislead. The 'bearded lady' of the show is always a freak and generally a fraud. The point in this advertisement we are discussing is that you are asked to 'write to a woman,' the implication being that the woman is competent to give and will give you qualified and valuable medical advice. But as it isn't specified that the 'woman' is a physician there's no infraction of the law. The probabilities are that there isn't a qualified doctor around the place, and the whole so-called 'medical correspondence' is done by a lot of girl clerks."

"Oh!" Mrs. Lovegood interjected, "that's what it means then when they say that 'only women see the correspondence.'"

"Exactly, my dear, "continued her husband, "and suppose the woman in the advertisement is a real woman and not the 'bearded lady,' there's your dressmaker, who's also a woman, not to speak of Mrs. Flannigan, the cook's mother, who is a really excellent woman If a woman's not a doctor then one woman's as good as another and it's foolish going to a stranger hundreds of miles distant for the sympathy which friends at home can better supply. And as for a man not understanding woman's diseases because he's a man, that is the cheapest sort of clap-trap. Who have done the doctoring in the past two thousand years? The men. Where must the modern woman physician go for her knowledge? To schools taught by men and books written by men. If this woman, who claims men don't understand woman's diseases, should ever take to the study of medicine, she'd have to be taught everything she knew by the men who don't know anything according to her opinion. The problem is, how a man who don't know anything about woman's diseases can teach a woman to know everything about them. I give it up."

"Then you wouldn't write," said Mrs. Lovegood, doubtfully.

"Write; what for?" said her husband. "Write to a woman? What's the use of writing to a woman? If you want to write, write to a doctor. The first question in sickness is not a question of sex, but a question of medical ability and qualifications. There's no sex in medicine anyhow. If you want to write why not write to a man of medical standing, a specialist like Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. You know he's a regularly graduated doctor. You know he's a good one and at the head of a great medical institution. You know he's had thirty years' experience, and has, with the aid of his staff of nearly a score of skilled specialists treated more than half a million women, who freely confided in the integrity of the man and the skill of the physician. President Garfield once said of Dr. Pierce, 'he is one of the best men in the world, and he is at the head of one of the best medical institutions in the world.' There's nothing new about this free consultation by letter, my dear, it has been a feature of Dr. Pierce's practice for years, in fact, for more than a quarter of a century. Write to him because you'll get the best advice and no string tied to it, so to speak."

"But," queried Mrs. Lovegod, "do you think even though Dr. Pierce is a qualified physician, and ranks so high as a specialist, he can treat disease by correspondence?"

"I don't see why not," answered Mr. Lovegood. "Medical science is wheeling into line with everything else, and dropping the hocus pocus of the middle ages. The 'divinity that hedged in' the priest and physician is a thing of the past. A man is taken for what he is and what he can do. Of course the members of the profession who are not specialists would naturally fight an innovation which took away their patients and their profits. But when a new idea makes for public good it can't be destroyed. They used to say that no steamer could be built to cross the Atlantic. She couldn't carry coal enough. One prominent Englishman, then leader in the House of Commons, in the heat of a debate declared, 'that if ever any steamer crossed the Atlantic he'd eat it machinery and all.' I take it that the objections to treatment by correspondence have as little foundation in fact as the objections to the possibility of steamships crossing the Atlantic.

"It reminds me of that story about the man who had been arrested for some offense. He sent for a lawyer, who, when he had heard the story said: 'Why man alive, they can't arrest you for that!'

"'But,' said the prisoner, 'they've done it.'

"It does not seem any use to argue about the possibility of being treated successfully by correspondence with Dr. Pierce when there are thousands of people to stand up and say, 'We have been successfully treated, we have been entirely cured by Dr. Pierce and his staff of specialists.'"

"Then," said his wife, "it doesn't follow that any and everybody could treat successfully by correspondence. It is a movement in advance of ordinary practice, by those specially qualified who have given special study and special effort to some branch of medicine. Is that your idea?"

"Precisely, my dear," Mr. Lovegood answered, preparing to continue his reading. "You have got the whole thing now. It isn't because someone advertises to give medical advice by correspondence that you can necessarily assume the advice will be valuable or helpful. Anybody can make such an offer. It is wise to go behind the promises and the claims made and see if they bear investigation. In Doctor Pierce's case the closer the examination of his claims and record the greater the confidence which he will inspire. Dr. R. V. Pierce is at the head of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., a medical and surgical institute, which in its scientific equipment, its laboratory, its staff of nearly a score of experienced physicians and surgeons and its variety of daily practice, is on a footing with any medical and surgical institute in the country."

And just here the infant heir of the house of Lovegood, voiced a message to "a woman" who was in every way qualified to give him the desired attention, which she promptly did.

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In the cities of Germany only seven or eight of every 100 persons use bicycles.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone or W. H. Hubbard and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

In Brazil there are said to be 300 languages and dialects spoken by the Indians.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Poverty is the only load which is the heavier the more loved ones there are to assist in supporting it.—Richter.

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Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

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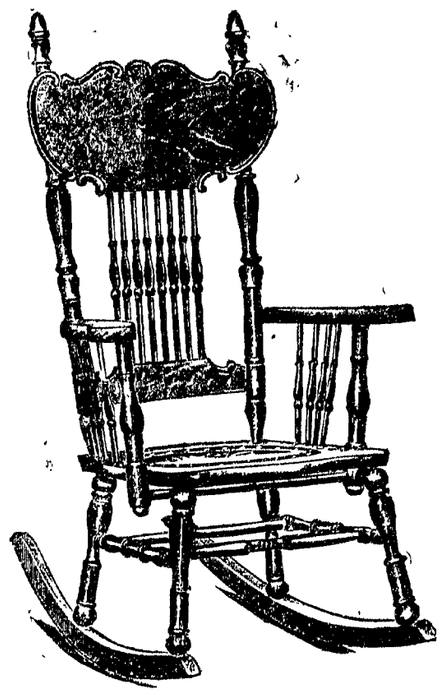

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Why does a man commit suicide? Why does a handsome woman take rat poison or carbolic acid—those liquid fires that condense the agony of a lifetime into death's half hour, ending in convulsions and annihilation so far as life is concerned?

A straight, sober man, who has been a good husband, indulgent to his children, just to all dealing with him, a sincere and useful member of society, honorable in business and a purifying influence in politics, comes home one afternoon, unusually jolly. He makes the children presents, tells his wife to buy a new bonnet at the French milliner's, then saunters around the corner and hangs himself to a beam in the barn.

Who can explain these twisted problems of life? It is said that there are some things in love and politics that no man (with or without an almanac) can understand. The most conservative become freaks when they suddenly want to die without assistance from law or physician.

A famous Nantucket sailor allowed himself three jumps from a channel boat head first down on an iron picket fence, but, missing the spike each time, he gave it up as a bad job after the second dive, and turned into a useful citizen to the end of his days.

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Wheat—					
Dec	66	67¼	65⅛	65⅝	65⅝
May	67⅜	67¾	66¾	66⅞	67¾
July	—	—	—	64⅞	—
Corn—					
Dec	34	34¼	33⅞	34	34⅛
May	35	35	34¾	34⅞	35
July	—	—	—	35¼	35⅜
Oats—					
Dec	26⅛	—	—	26	26⅛
May	26⅞	26¾	26½	26⅝	26⅝
Pork—					
May	9.62	9.67	9.60	9.67	9.62½
Lard—					
May	5.32	5.35	5.30	5.32	5.32½
Ribs—					
May	4.80	4.82	4.77	4.82	4.82½

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 20,000; estimated, ——.
Market, strong.
Light, $3.15@3.37½; Mixed, $3.25@3.40; Heavy $3.35@3.45; Rough, $3.25@3.30.
Estimated for to-morrow, 47,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 150; market steady.

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Another great discovery has been made, and that too by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles 10c at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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"Your honor, I simply hid her trunk—I was so afraid she'd leave us."

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One of the First.

"She belongs to one of the first families here, I believe?"

"Yes; her grandfather moved his family here in a covered wagon drawn by an ox team, when there were only three houses in the town."—Chicago Evening News.

The Worm Turns.

Mrs. Peck—I wouldn't act like an idiot if I were you, Henry.

Mr. Peck—No, of course you wouldn't, dear, but as you are not me, you might at least try to act a little less idiotic.—Chicago Evening News.

Biblical Discussion.

Wallace—Say. Who was it said all men are liars?

Ferry—Lemme see. H'm. I can't remember her name myself, just at this moment.—Boston Herald.

Opening Negotiations.

She—There are microbes in kisses.

He—Aren't your microbes lonesome?—N. Y. Journal.

A Definition of Courtship.

Courtship—A beau knot that marriage pulls into a hard knot.—Chicago Daily News.

THE COST OF WAR.

The destruction of stores and clothing by both armies during the civil war exceeded $100,000,000.

In time of war France puts 370 out of every 1,000 of her population in the field; Germany, 310; Russia, 210.

During the last few months of the civil war the expenses of the government exceeded $3,000,000 a day.

The cost of our navy during the civil war was: 1862, $42,000,000; 1863, $63,000,000; 1864, $85,000,000; 1865, $122,000,000.

Over 1,000,000 French women were made widows and 3,000,000 French children fatherless by Napoleon's campaigns.

The expense of the war department in 1862 was $494,000,000; in 1863, $590,000,000; in 1864, $690,000,000, and in 1865, $1,031,000,000.

In times of war the armies of European nations can be raised to 9,366,000 men, and the daily expense will be nearly $20,000,000.

During the civil war the confederate cruisers captured or destroyed 80 ships, 46 brigs, 67 schooners and eight other vessels flying the American flag.

In proportion to the numbers engaged, Waterloo was the bloodiest battle of modern times. Over 35 per cent. of the men engaged were killed or wounded.

During the most peaceful years the world has 3,700,000 soldiers. The pay, equipments, food and clothing of these men cost the world's taxpayers nearly $8,000,000 a day.

It is estimated that since the Christian era began over 4,000,000,000 human beings have perished in war. The cost of the world's wars since the Crimean war has been $13,265,000,000.

In 1881 English ships brought to the bone factories of England 30,000 skeletons of Turkish and Russian soldiers who had perished in the Crimean war. They were to be utilized as fertilizing material, after being ground to powder in the mills.

ABOUT SOME NEW APPLES.

Beach is the name given by the Arkansas Horticultural society to the variety called by some "Apple of Commerce," as the latter is contrary to pomological rules. It originated in Arkansas, so far as has been learned, and may prove valuable for winter market.

Oliver is the true name for the apple called Senator, as it was its first name, with the addition of the possessive and the word Red—Oliver's Red. It has been so called for 25 years past in Arkansas, where it is thought to have come from seed on "the old Oliver farm" in Benton county. It is a large and promising winter variety.

Collins is the adopted name of the variety which was first called Collins' Red then Champion Red, Champion, etc. It originated about 35 years ago in Arkansas, and a local nurseryman by the name of George Collins brought it to the notice of the public. In 1893 it was named Collins by the introducer of the trees to the public, Mr. G. W. Vincenbeller, of Springdale, Ark. It is a promising red winter apple.

Reagan is said to be the correct name of the apple which is called "Black Ben Davis" by some. There is a possibility that it may prove to be Gano. The early history of the variety is clouded with uncertainty, at least, and the name "Black Ben Davis" is at variance with all the rules of nomenclature. The tree is just like that of Ben Davis—thrifty and round headed. The fruit is about the same size, flavor, etc., of Ben Davis; but the color is almost a solid dark red.—American Gardening.

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.

The population of India increases at the rate of 3,000,000 annually.

Cotton spinners in Egypt have to work from six a. m. to ten p. m. for 15 to 20 cents.

In Russia servants kiss their mistress' hands both as morning and evening greetings.

The tomb of Mohammed is covered with diamonds, sapphires and rubies, valued at $12,500,000.

The income tax in India is levied on all incomes of $165 and upward, and then only one man in 700 comes within its scope.

Turkish papers were not allowed to print the news of the assassination of the Austrian empress. They simply announced that she had died.

Spain has greater mineral resources than any other country in Europe, including iron, copper, zinc, silver, antimony, quicksilver, lead and gypsum.

In Abyssinia it is the law that the murderer be turned over to the relatives of the dead person, they, if they please, to put him to death in the same manner in which the murdered person was removed.

JESTS FOR THE TABLE.

"Why, Bridget, this is a very small egg." "Sure, it was just laid this morning."

Possible Boarder—"Now, my friend, I enjoyed my dinner very much, and if it is a fair sample of your meals I should like to come to terms." Farmer—"First of all, stranger, wuz that a fair sample of your appetite?"

A clumsy Saratoga waiter upset a cup of tea on the shoulder of the late John W. Hammersley. "Shall I bring you another napkin?" asked the waiter. "Perhaps," said Mr. Hammersley, "you would better bring me a mackintosh."

Dr. Boyd told a story of a caddie who reeled forward to his employer at the clubhouse. The gentleman reproved him for his conduct and added: "Look what a bad example you are setting to your family!" "You're quite richt, sir," replied the caddie, "but see what my example has done! A' my sons are teetotalers."—Chicago Journal.

Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for coughs and colds. Sold by all druggists.

The temperature for December, taking the average for 10 years, in the Klondike, is 40 degrees below zero.

We may forgive those who bore us; we cannot forgive those whom we bore.—La Rochefoucald.

A Monte Carlo Tragedy.

Mr. Poppe, of Germany, with his wife and a friend, went to Monte Carlo recently to win a fortune on a sure system of betting devised by the friend. They lost $2,000, and determined to commit suicide. The three sat down on the bench at Antibes, then walked into the water up to their necks; each held a revolver, and at a word from Poppe put it to the head and fired. The Poppes were killed instantly, but the friend survived long enough to tell the story.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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Socks	4	Drawers	10 up
Handkerchiefs	3	Corset Covers	5
Vests	15	Under Vests	5
Night Shirts	8	Under Drawers	5
Neckties	5	Stockings, pair	8
Coats	15	Night Dress	10, 20
Pants	20	Aprons	8 up
Towels	1	Wrappers	25 up
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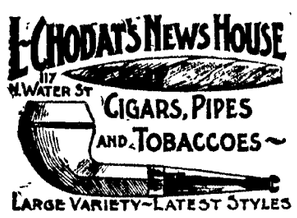

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MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

Berlin has 118 music schools.

The statue of Schumann will be dedicated at Zwickau, June 8, 1893, the nineteenth anniversary of his birth.

Piatti, the famous 'cellist, is living in retirement at his villa at Bergamo, his birthplace. He is now 76 years old.

Verdi is busy with a new opera "King Lear." Before it is published, a few of his intimate friends will have the privilege of hearing it.

The vocal craze of the season bids fair to be "In a Persian Garden," a musical setting of the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam, by Liza Lehmann.

A new opera house in St. Petersburg, to be built under the patronage of the czar, is to cost about $4,000,000. Like the Bayreuth theater, it will have a concealed orchestra.

That the Boston Symphony orchestra has a strong hold on the people of that city is shown by the fact that $325 was bid for a certain seat. This with $12 for a season ticket, makes $337.

Cesar Thompson, the famous violinist, is a great advocate of the value of calisthenics and special exercise for developing the muscles used in playing, and insists upon such practice by all his new pupils.

Edward Lloyd, the well-known English oratorio and concert tenor, who has sung in this country, announces a series of farewell concerts prior to his retirement from public work. He is 53 years old.

Mr. Edward Baxter Perry, the blind pianist, is making an extensive tour of the United States. He has just returned from abroad, where his series of recitals in Paris, Berlin, Munich and other capitals earned him a batch of most favorable press notices.—Ladies' Illustrated Journal.

ACTRESSES' FAVORITE DISHES.

Rose Coghlan confesses that she likes oysters and quail and champagne.

Olga Nethersole likes a chop or breaded cutlet after the play, as well as a glass of ale.

Modjeska has a very small appetite and a biscuit and a small glass of wine is what she prefers.

May Irwin may be found after the play usually devouring a hot club sandwich and a glass of fresh milk.

Virginia Harned likes a bowl of bouillon after the play, and sometimes a broiled sweetbread with a glass of beer.

Johnstone Bennett's appetite matches her mannish attire, for a grilled bone or a deviled kidney with bitter beer is her favorite midnight supper.

Mme. Janauschek, one of the old-school actresses, always has a good hearty supper. She has been seen eating pigs' feet and cabbage with beer.

Maude Adams isn't always hungry after the performance, but there is always prepared for her a dainty supper, of which cold chicken always, and raw oysters usually, form a part.

Marie Dressler, being a healthy young woman with a normal appetite, undecorated by frills of any kind, confesses that she eats whatever she wants, whenever she wants it.

Nella Bergen, unlike most prima donnas, shuns the after-theater restaurant and enjoys nothing more riotous than a club sandwich and a cup of chocolate in her own rooms after the performance.

NOTED BY THE TRAVELER.

Sherry cobblers are not a blooming success as shoemakers.

Some men are born great and some have to be elected.

The girl who poses for artists always leads a model life.

Some men are like dice—easily rattled, but hard to shake.

Men and watches are judged by their works; both have wheels.

All is fair in love except flirtation—that is only half fair.

Men always bow to fate, but not as a matter of courtesy.

Some marriages are like jug handles—one-sided affairs.

Men who preach by the yard usually practice by the inch.

Baseball pitchers, letter carriers and preachers are judged by their delivery.—The Sample Case.

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES.

Japan now makes its own electric machinery.

Baby carriages propelled by electricity are in use in Paris.

A franchise for an electric road from Santiago, Cuba, to the cemetery and to El Caney has been granted by Gen Wood to prominent local business men.

Over 60,000 horse-power of Niagara power is now in actual use, and the end is not yet. The demand is constantly ahead of the supply of current for power purposes.

A successful conversation over telephone wires has been held between Little Rock, Ark., and Boston, a circuit of some 1,900 miles. This surpasses the recent achievement of telephonic connections between Kansas City and Boston.

THE LATEST IN JEWELRY.

A dragon of gold set with very small brilliants is a very pretty brooch.

Scent bottles of jade with gold stoppers and set with birth-month stones are in demand.

Among the brooch novelties is one representing a bunch of oak leaves enameled in natural autumn colors.

A ladle of gold with a handle to represent vines set with leaves in delicate green enamel is both pretty and useful.

The latest addition to the rapidly increasing number of cut glass novelties is in bowls and pitchers. The bottoms are of pure white crystal, while farther upward the tint becomes a soft green, which at the top shades into a dark green.—Jewelers' Weekly.

Fear always springs from ignorance.—Emerson.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about ¼ as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

FOR THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

Trinidad has issued the two-pence commemorative stamp with picture of the landing of Columbus. A lilac frame with a brown center forms a very pleasing combination.

At Manila, up to September 1, United States postage stamps had been sold to the value of $18,000. The majority, doubtless, were brought by our soldiers and sailors, to correspond with friends at home, but it is certainly a very good showing.

Boston produces a novelty in the way of a collector who has made four collections in 30 years and sold them all, and now he is at it again. His only pleasure seems to be in collecting, and when he has secured everything possible in one special line, he sells out, and takes up another line.

It is reported that two more of the rare Mauritius stamps, a specimen of which brought $5,000 recently, have just been discovered in Bombay, India. The original letter accompanies the envelope bearing the two stamps, which are in fair condition and have every appearance of being genuine. About 5 can now be accounted for.

Considering the number of stamps issued and the combined area of the islands, Hawaii can probably lay claim to a larger number of valuable stamps than most countries of the world. Not only does the first issue bring big prices, as is the case with most small countries but the second and third issues as well coming down to 1865, are noticeably scarce and command a good premium whenever they are sold. The two-cent of 1851, has the reputation of being one of the rarest specimens known, and has brought as high as $3,500.

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

The tube of a 12-inch gun, which is used in some warships, has 50 spiral grooves inside, which cause the slot to revolve at the rate of 75 times per second as it rushes through the air.

In war time each French soldier would carry 28½ kilos, and a German infantryman about 24½ kilos, although five years ago he carried as much as 31½ kilos. A kilo is slightly more than two pounds.

Some of the battleships have as many as six different decks, as, for instance the bout, or shelter deck, the upper deck, main deck, middle deck, lower deck and platform deck. The first-named deck is 54 feet above the keel, and the highest bridge is 75 feet above the keel.

A first-class battleship carries as many as 14,120 rounds of ammunition for use in guns ranging from a three pounder to a 12-inch. This is about 270 tons of projectiles. There are also in the magazine something like 43 tons of cordite. This weight is considerably less than when ordinary powder was used, for it takes 167½ pounds only of cordite to do the work of 295 pounds of ordinary powder.

WITH THE DUMB BRUTES.

North Carolina has 172,105 horses and 126,049 mules.

An Australian sporting paper records a 40-foot jump by a kangaroo.

Frog's skin, though one of the thinnest, is also one of the toughest leathers tanned.

Hyenas always fight kneeling, the shank of the foreleg being the most vulnerable part of their body.

The condor possesses a greater vital tenacity than any other creature. The polar bear comes second.

Public drinking-troughs for horses are condemned by a well-known veterinary surgeon on the ground that they propagate certain diseases peculiar to horses.

It is the female spider that spins webs for unwary flies, and in a fit of emotional insanity eats up her inoffending husband. It is the female mosquito that intrudes a poisonous proboscis into the human cuticle. Among the wasps and ants less unlovely traits are displayed, but the same sex is dominant.

SIGNS OF A NEW ERA IN CHINA.

Two railroads already in operation.

Many mines of silver, coal and oil are being opened.

Newspapers are rapidly increasing in circulation and number.

Steamboats large and small are plying all her navigable waters.

The Chinese blue-book for 1893 favors the Christian religion.

An extensive telegraph system operated by English-speaking natives.

Ever increasing sale of translations of western scientific and mathematical books.

Schools of English science and mathematics are being founded in many county seats.

Manufactories of silk and cotton are springing up on every hand, with Chinese capital.

Valuable subscriptions from Chinese are constantly being received by missionary schools and hospitals.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Whistling—The transformation of a popular air into an ill wind.

Abuse—The penalty an eminent man is compelled to pay public.

Love—Something that makes the heart flutter and the tongue flatter.

Critic—A man who can see no merit in anything he doesn't do himself.

Anxiety—The cause of more brain trouble than anything else except love.

Logician—An individual who can figure out anything to his own satisfaction.

Language—Something used by lawyers to conceal the thoughts of their clients.

Timetable—The one you acquire by paying for it on the weekly installment plan.—Chicago Daily News.

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The first years of a man must make provision for the last.—Johnson.

The temperature for December, taking the average for 10 years, in the Klondike, is 40 degrees below zero.

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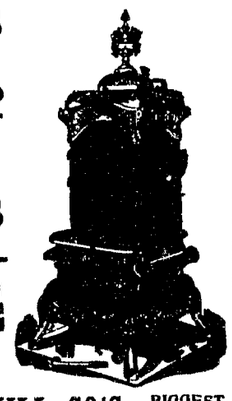

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.

Anna M. C. Meyer et al Vs. Francis X. Greisser, Catharine Elizabeth Greisser, Mary Ottilia Greisser, Anna Amelia Greisser and Rocka Greisser.—Bill to Quiet Title. No.—. January Term, 1893.

Affidavit of non-residence of Catharine Elizabeth Greisser, Mary Ottilia Greisser and Anna Amelia Greisser, three of the above named defendants in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk of Macon county, Illinois, notice is hereby given to the said Catharine Elizabeth Greisser or if she be married by whatever name she may be known, Mary Ottilia Greisser or if she be married by whatever name she may be known, and Anna Amelia Greisser or if she be married by whatever name she may be known that the complainants in the above entitled cause, have filed their bill to quiet title in said court on the 10th day of December, 1893; that summons issued out of said court against said defendants returnable to the first day of the next January term of said court as is by law required.

Now therefore unless you, the said Catharine Elisabeth Greisser, or if you be married by whatever name you may be known, Mary Ottilia Greisser or if you be married by whatever name you may be known, and Anna Amelia Greisser, or if you be married by whatever name you may be known, and each of you shall personally appear before the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur in the said county of Macon on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1893, to plead, answer or demur to the said complainants bill the same and the matters and things therein set forth will be taken as confessed by you and a decree will be entered in said cause in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, December 10, 1893.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk of said Court.

Alex. McIntosh, Solicitor.

Dec 10-d3w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss.
Macon County, }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, to the January Term, 1893.

Henry Oehler, vs. Mamie E. Grass, Joseph Grass, Andrew Heminger and Henry Color.—In Chancery, No. 17,054.

Affidavit of non-residence of Mamie E. Grass and Joseph Grass, two of the above named defendants having been filed in the office of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, notice is hereby given to the said Mamie E. Grass and Joseph Grass that the complainant in the above entitled cause has filed his bill of foreclosure in the said court on the 8th day of December, 1893, that summons issued out of said court against the said defendants returnable to the first day of the next January term of said court as is by law required.

Now therefore notice is hereby given to you the said Mamie E. Grass and Joseph Grass and each of you that unless you shall personally appear before the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden at the court house in the city of Decatur in said county on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1893, to plead answer or demur to the said complainants bill the same and the matters and things therein set forth shall be taken as confessed against you and each of you and a decree entered against you and each of you according to the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 11th day of December, A. D. 1893.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk of said Court.

Alexander McIntosh, Solicitor.

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NOTICE

Of Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Decatur Furniture Company.

To the Stockholders of the Decatur Furniture Company:

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of said company at 3 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, the 27th day of December, A. D. 1893, at the Bank Building in the office of Pedigord, Burrows & Co., Decatur, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the subject of the decrease of the capital stock of said corporation and to determine the matter as to such decrease of stock.

J. J. PEDDECORD,
L. BURROWS,
R. G. PEDDECORD,
Directors of said Corporation.

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COLD, DAMP

Again Grips us by the Throat, the dreadful "Grip," Cough, Cold

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The great Four O Remedy is doing so much good it never fails to the lot of any one interested to write the proprietors whose names may appear on one of the [illegible]

My aim is to convince the true merit [illegible]

BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE.

Office of "Kingfisher Times," Kingfisher Okla. Dec 1. '93.

GENTLEMEN: I believe it my duty to write you in regard to the Four O Remedy. I had been troubled with "Grip" for 1[illegible] years, and had tried many remedies without effect. A week since I was taken with a severe attack of "Grip" and was in bed about three days. I took a teaspoonful, and was up in a short time, but [illegible] I took a teaspoonful, and was up in a short time, but [illegible] I took it as sweetly as ever I took candy, and [illegible] nothing since. I was entirely well in a few days. I send you this voluntarily as I think your Four O Remedy should be in every household. Yours truly, J. [illegible]

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21.

Last Friday, Dec. 15, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' Four O. I soon dropped all other medicine. The first night it stopped my cough, slept and rested well. The medicine removed all soreness from my chest the second day I was up, the third day I went out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.

MISS JENNIE BAKER, Washington Avenue and Summit.

GROUP CURED.

One dose of Phelps' Cough, Cold and Grip Cure, gave my child instant relief when attacked with the croup.

W. E. MOORE, of Moore Bros., Grocers, Arkansas City, Kan.

NOTICE TO DRUGGISTS.

CONTRACT—Druggists are authorized to refund the Price, if the Four O Remedy (Phelps') gives satisfaction in Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, no matter how long standing, or deep seated the Cold, Child or Lung trouble, not as a cure but as a trial on the above conditions.

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

Peoria circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.
Anna M. Meyer et al Vs. Francis X. Greiser et al.
Catharine Elizabeth Greisser, Mary Ottilia Greisser, Anna Amelia Greisser and Eliza Greisser.—Bill to Quiet Title. No.——. January Term, 1899.

Affidavit of non-residence of Catharine Elizabeth Greisser, Mary Ottilia Greisser and Anna Amelia Greisser, three of the above named defendants in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk of said county, Illinois, notice is hereby given to said Catharine Elizabeth Greisser or if married by whatever name she may be known, said Mary Ottilia Greisser or if she be married by whatever name she may be known, and said Anna Amelia Greisser or if she be married by whatever name she may be known that the complainants in the above entitled cause, have filed their bill to quiet title in said court on the first day of December, 1898, that summons issued out of said court against said defendants returnable to the first day of the next January term thereof unless you, the said Catharine Elizabeth Greisser, or if you be married by whatever name you may be known, Mary Ottilia Greisser, or if you be married by whatever name you may be known, and Anna Amelia Greisser, or if you be married by whatever name you may be known, shall personally appear before the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county of Macon on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1899, to plead, answer or demur to said bill the same and the matters therein set forth will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Decatur, Illinois, December 10 1898.
D. L. FOSTER,
Clerk of said Court.
Alex McIntosh, Solicitor.
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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss.
Macon County, }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois to the January Term, 1899.

Henry Ochler, vs. Mamie E. Grass, Joseph Grass, Andrew Heminger and Henry Color.—In Chancery No. 17,054.

Affidavit of non-residence of Mamie E. Grass and Joseph Grass, two of the above named defendants having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, notice is hereby given to the said Mamie E. Grass and Joseph Grass that the complainant in the above entitled cause has filed his bill of foreclosure in the said court on the 8th day of December, 1898, that a summons issued out of said court against the said defendants returnable to the first day of the next January term of said court as by law required.

Now therefore notice is hereby given to you, the said Mamie E. Grass and Joseph Grass and each of you that unless you shall personally appear before the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden at the court house in the city of Decatur in said county on the second Monday of January A D 1899 to plead answer or demur to said complainants bill the same and the matters and things therein set forth shall be taken as confessed against you and each of you and a decree entered against you and each of you according to the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 10th day of December, A. D. 1898.
D L FOSTER, Clerk of said Court.
Alexander McIntosh, Solicitor.
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NOTICE

Of Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Decatur Furniture Company.

To the Stockholders of the Decatur Furniture Company:

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of said company at 10 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, the 27th day of December, A. D. 1898, at the Banking House of Peddecord, Burrows & Co., Decatur, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the subject of the decrease of the capital stock of said corporation and to determine the matter as to such decrease of stock.

J. J. PEDDECORD,
L. BURROWS,
R. G. PEDDECORD,
Directors of said Corporation.
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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
Macon County, }

In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D., 1899.

Charles P. Thatcher, vs William F. McGee, Layuna McGee, (his wife), John E. Carlson, Nellie Carlson, (his wife), J. G. Hamilton and Mrs J. G. Hamilton, (his wife), her Christian name being unknown to said complainant.

Affidavit of the non-residence of J. G. Hamilton and Mrs. J. G. Hamilton, his wife, part of the defendants in the above named proceedings, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk in said Macon County, notice is hereby given to the said J. G. Hamilton and Mrs. J. G. Hamilton, his wife, her christian name being unknown, that the complainant in the above entitled cause filed his bill of foreclosure in the said court on the 30th day of November, A. D 1898; that summons issued out of said court against defendants returnable to the first day of the next January term of said court as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said J. G. Hamilton and Mrs. J. G. Hamilton, his wife, her christian name being unknown shall personally appear before the circuit court of Macon county on the first day of the next term thereof to be held in Decatur, in the said county, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1899, to plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill, the same in the matters and things therein charged and stated the same will be taken as confessed and decree entered against you according to prayer of said bill.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.
Ewing & Baldwin, Solicitors for the Complainant. dec 6-d4w

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COLD, DAMP WEATHER

Again Grips us by the Throat, but you can shake off that dreadful "Grip," Cough or Cold, if you will use

The Great 4-C Remedy.

WHAT IF NOT MIRACLES ?

The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miraculous as it ever falls to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or any one whose names may appear among these testimonials)

My aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the true merits of this remedy.

BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE,

Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES,"
Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 15, '98.

GENTLEMEN:—I believe it my duty to write you much in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' Four C Remedy," so far as I am personally concerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and in a very short time became so hoarse I could not even whisper. The night previous I slept nearly the entire night just before daylight I took a teaspoonful, and slept the entire night as sweetly as ever I did in my life not waking once. I was entirely relieved before the one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land and you this wholly unsolicited by any person are benefactors of the race in giving humanity a remedy for some of the worst affections to which it is heir. Very truly yours,

O. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '97.

Last Friday, Dec. 19 my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four-C" Remedy. Skipped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough, slept and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up, the third day I was out of the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.

MISS JENNIE BASSETT.
Washington Avenue and Summit St.

CROUP CURED.

One dose of Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure gave my child instant relief when attacked with the croup.

W. E. MOORE, of Moore Bros., Grocers, Arkansas City, Kansas.

UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT.

J. B. HUDING, Manager,
Office Commercial Printing Co.,
190 South Clark St
Chicago, Nov. 24, '94.

R. R. Phelps, Esq., City.

DEAR SIR:—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least objection, from oldest to youngest and is particularly noticeable that benefit is almost immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning, it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly.

Yours, J. B. HUDING.

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Chicago, Sept. 25, '95.

For years back each winter I have suffered with acute laryngitis. Last winter was so bad I could not leave my room for two weeks or could not speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough preparation from cough drops up and down with no relief, then in desperation I was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first dose relieved my cough, giving me the first night's rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me. I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It's as different from other like remedies as molasses from vinegar or sugar from sand. MRS. JOSEPH E. GRUBER,
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Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neosho Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C." "Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."

NOTICE TO DRUGGISTS AND TO THE PUBLIC

CONTRACT—Druggists are authorized in ALL CASES TO REFUND THE PURCHASE PRICE of the Four C Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give satisfaction in Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, LaGrippe, Coughs and Colds, no matter how long standing, or deep seated, in fact I guarantee in all manner of Bronchial or Lung trouble, not as a cure-all, but to give unbounded satisfaction. Give it a trial on the above conditions. I take all chances.

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Publication Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Count, Court, of Macon county, to the January Term, A. D. 1899.

Stanley Tucker, administrator, et al., vs Sarah Rider Sallie Ann Maden, Albert Maden, Elias Maden, James Maden, Ben Mason Maden, Ben Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Martha Lawrence, George Maden, Elijah Maden, James Maden, Jr., John Maden, Riley Maden, Sr., Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F. Jones, Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones, James G. Dugger, the unknown heirs of Alfred Maden, deceased, the unknown heirs of William Maden, deceased, Mary Grosser, Louisa Richardson, Cyrus Maden, William Maden, Rufus Maden, Frankie Maden, Armilie Rider, Beverly Maden, Eliza Lane, Emaline Rider, Riley Maden, Jr., Hannah Harris, Eli Maden, Evelyn Maden, Lizzie Maden, Minnie Whittaker, Grover C Whittaker, James Whittaker, Lizzie Whittaker, Stephen Maden, Chas. Sanders and William Maden.

Affidavit of the non-residence of Sallie Ann Maden, Albert Maden, John Maden, James Maden, Elias Maden, Ben Mason Maden, Ben Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Martha Lawrence, George Maden, Elijah Maden, Riley Maden, Sr., Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F. Jones, Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones, James G. Dugger, Louisa Richardson, the unknown heirs of Alfred Maden, deceased, the unknown heirs of William Maden, deceased, part of the defendants in the above named proceedings, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk in Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Sallie Ann Maden, Albert Maden, James Maden, Elias Maden, Ben Mason Maden, Ben Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Johnnie John on, Martha Lawrence, George Maden, Elijah Maden, John Maden, Riley Maden, Sr., Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F. Jones, Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones, James G. Dugger, Louisa Richardson, the unknown heirs of Alfred Maden deceased, and unknown heirs of William Maden, deceased, that the said petitioner, acting as administrator of the estate of William F Gibson, deceased, has heretofore filed his petition in said county court of Macon county praying for a decree for the sale of the said real estate belonging to the estate of the said deceased, or so much as may be needed to pay the debts of the said deceased, and described as follows, to-wit: East part of thirty-two and one-half acres off of the east end of lot one (1) of the northeast quarter of section one (1), Township fifteen (15) North, Range three (3) east of the Third Principal Meridian, containing nineteen (19) acres; south part of the south end of the east half of lot one (1) of northwest quarter of Section one (1), Township fifteen (15) North, Range Three east of Third Principal Meridian, containing four (4) acres; east part of east half of lot one (1) of the northwest quarter of Section one (1), Township fifteen (15) North, Range three (3) East of the Third Principal Meridian, containing five (5) acres; the north end of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section one (1), Township fifteen (15) North, Range Three east of the Third Principal Meridian, containing two (2) acres; containing in all thirty (30) acres more or less: That summons has been issued out of the said court against you returnable to the January term, A D 1899, of said court, to be holden on the third day of January, A. D. 1899, at the court house in the city of Decatur, county and state aforesaid.

Now unless you the said Sallie Ann Maden Albert Maden, John Maden, James Maden, Elias Maden, Ben Mason Maden, Ben Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Martha Lawrence, George Maden, Elijah Maden, Riley Maden, Sr., Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F. Jones, Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones, James G. Dugger, Louisa Richardson, the unknown heirs of Alfred Maden, deceased, and the unknown heirs of William Maden, deceased, shall personally be and appear before the county court of Macon county on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden at Decatur, in the said county, on the third day of January, 1899, to plead, answer or demur to said complainant's petition filed therein, the same in the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed and decree entered against you according to the prayer of said petition.

J. M. DODD, Clerk.
W. B. Tyler, Complainant's Solicitor.
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CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, Macon County, ss.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, to the January Term, A. D. 1899.

Elizabeth Lambert vs John S. Vance et al.—In Chancery.

Affidavit of the non-residence of Frianna M. Hays, Elida Barnes, Costie Slaback, Alice Roth, Tim Murrin Slaback, Elizabeth Slaback, William S aback, Melville Slaback, Wilson Maddox, Ellen Munk, Nathan S. Vance, Florence Peters, Joseph Peters, Grace Peters Courtney Webster Peters, Jennie Peters and Robert J. Peters, part of the defendants in the above named proceedings, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk in Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Frianna M. Hays Elida Barnes, Costie Slaback, Alice Roth, Tim Murrin Slaback, Elizabeth Slaback, William Slaback, Melville Slaback, Wilson Maddox Ellen Munk, Nathan S. Vance, Florence Peters, Joseph Peters, Grace Peters, Courtney Webster Peters, Jennie Peters and Robert J. Peters, that the complainants filed their bill in the said court on the 29th day of November, 1898, that summons issue out of the said court against defendants returnable to the first day of the next January term of said court as is by law required. Now unless you, the said Frianna M. Hays, Elida Barnes, Costie Slaback, Alice Roth, Tim Murrin Slaback, Elizabeth Slaback, William Slaback, Melville Slaback, Wilson Maddox Ellen Munk, Nathan S. Vance, Florence Peters Joseph Peters, Grace Peters, Courtney Webster Peters, Jennie Peters and Robert J. Peters, shall personally appear before the circuit court of Macon county on the first day of the next term thereof to be held in Decatur in the said county on the ninth day of January, A. D 1899, to plead answer or demur to the said complaints bill the same in the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed and decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.
W. B Tyler Sol, for Complainant.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, Macon County ss.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, to the January Term, A. D. 1899.

Stanley Tucker administrator, et al., vs. Sarah Rider et al. In Chancery

Affidavit of the non-residence of Sallie Ann Maden, Albert Maden, John Maden, James Maden, Elias Maden, Ben Mason Maden, Victoria Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Martha Lawrence, George Maden, Elijah Maden, Riley Maden Sr., Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F. Jones, Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones, James G Dugger, Louisa Richardson the unknown heirs devisees or logatees of Alfred Maden, deceased the unknown heirs devisees or logatees of William Maden, deceased, part of the defendants in the above named proceedings having been filed in the office of the circuit court in Macon county notice is hereby given to the said Sallie Ann Maden Albert Maden John Maden James Maden, Elias Maden, Ben Mason Maden, Ben Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Martha Lawrence, George Maden, Elijah Maden Riley Maden, Sr., Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F. Jones Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones, James G. Dugger Louisa Richardson, the unknown heirs devisees or logatees of Alfred Maden, deceased, and the unknown heirs devisees or logatees of William Maden, deceased that the complainants filed their bill in the said court on the 5th day of September A. D. 1898, that summons issue out of the said court against the defendants, returnable to the first day of the next January term of said court as is by law required. Now unless you the said Sallie Ann Maden, Albert Maden, John Maden James Maden, Elias Maden, Ben Mason Maden Ben Johnson, Victoria Johnson Johnnie Johnson, Martha Lawrence George Maden Elijah Maden, Riley Maden, Sr. Jane Reed Tuller, Sarah F Jones, Can Jones, Ezekiel Jones James G. Dugger, Louisa Richardson, the unknown heirs, devisees or legatees of Alfred Maden deceased, and the unknown heirs, devisees or legatees of William Maden, deceased, shall personally be and appear before the circuit court of Macon county, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be held in Decatur, in the said county on the 5th day of January, 1899, to plead, answer or demur to the complainant's bill, the same in the matters thereon charged and stated will be taken as confessed and decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill

D L FOSTER, Clerk.
W B. Tyler Complainant's solicitor.

Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the
MACON COUNTY } Circuit Court,

To the January Term, A. D. 1899.

Walnee Hunt vs. Henry Schoolcraft, Francis J. Schoolcraft, Andrew Heminger, Sallie A. Heminger, Malinda Hendley, Charles E. Hundley and I. A. Sue Ingham.

Affidavit of the non residence of Henry Schoolcraft and Frances J. Schoolcraft, two of the defendants in the above cause, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk of Macon county Illinois notice is hereby given to you, the said Henry Schoolcraft and Frances J. Schoolcraft that the complainant in the above cause has filed his petition in said court on the 11th day of November, 1898, that a summons issued out of the said court against the defendants returnable on the first day of the next January term of said court as by law required.

Now, unless you, the said Henry Schoolcraft and Frances J. Schoolcraft shall personally be and appear before the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, on the second Monday of January 1899 and plead answer or demur to said complainant's petition the same and the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed and decree entered against you according to their prayer of said bill.

DAVID L. FOSTER,
Circuit Clerk of Macon County, Ills.
John A. Brown, Sol. for Complainant.
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Dec. 16-dtd GEO. B. MORTON.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court of said county, to the January Term, A. D. 1899

Mary E. Bryant, vs. John G. Bryant, divorce.

Affidavit of the non-residence of John G Bryant, the defendant in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county, notice is hereby given to the said John G. Bryant, that the above named complainant heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which suit is now pending; that a summons issued thereupon out of the said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next January term of the said court to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in the said county of Macon, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1899. Unless you, the said John G. Bryant, shall be and appear on the first day of the said term of the said court and plead answer or demur to the said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 6th day of December, A. D 1899.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.
Redmon & Hogan, Solicitors for Complainant.
dec 6-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D. 1899.

Anna M Brust, vs. William Brust.—In Divorce.

Affidavit of the non-residence of the defendant, in said cause, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk of the said county, notice is hereby given to you, the said William Brust, that unless you shall be and appear at the next term of said court on the first day thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1899, and plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint now on file in said cause, said bill and the matters therein alleged will be held confessed as true and a decree rendered accordingly.

D. L. FOSTER, Circuit Clerk.
W. H. Black, Solicitor for Complainant.
dec 5-d30t

Master in Chancery's Sale.

State of Illinois, Macon County, ss.

In the Circuit Court.

Richard J. Ellis, complainant, vs. Mary E Ellis, et al, defendant.—In Chancery, No. 16 726.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on Tuesday, the 27th day of December at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: The north half of the east half of the south-east quarter of section 12, township 15, north, range 2 east of the 3rd Principal Meridian, in Macon county, Illinois

Terms of Sale: One half cash in hand and one half in 12 months from date. The deferred payment to be secured by a mortgage on the premises sold and to bear 6 per cent per annum.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 5th day of December A. D. 1898

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
J. M. Lee, Complainant's Solicitor.
dec 5-d1w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, County of Macon, ss

In the Circuit Court of said county, to the January term, A. D. 1899.

Elmore C. Hunter vs. Mattie C. Hunter—Divorce.

Affidavit that Mattie C. Hunter, the above named defendant, is not a resident of the state of Illinois, having been filed in the office of the circuit clerk of said Macon county, you, Hattie C. Hunter, the above named defendant, are hereby notified that the complainant above named heretofore filed his bill in said cause in this court, that a summons thereupon issued out of the said court against you returnable to the first day of the next January term A. D 1899, of the said circuit court, to be held at the court house in the said city of Decatur in said county, on the third day of January, 1899, and that the said cause is still pending

Now unless you, the said Mattie C. Hunter, defendant shall be and appear before the said court on the first day of the said term and plead, answer or demur to the bill the same and the matters therein will be taken for confessed and a decree entered against you accordingly.

DAVID L. FOSTER,
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Shelley Bros. & Gibson, Complainant's Solicitors. dec 9 d4w

Attachment Notice.

State of Illinois, County of Macon, ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon county, to the January Term, A D. 1899.

D. H. Heilman and D. W. Heilman, partners doing business under the firm name of D. H Heilman & Son, vs. George F. Barnett and Anna Barnett.

Public notice is hereby given that it appears by an affidavit filed in said cause, that the defendants, George T Barnett and Anna Barnett are not residents of this state, and they are each by notified that D. H. Heilman and D. W. Heilman, partners, doing business under the firm name of D H. Heilman & Son, above named have commenced suit in attachment against the said defendants for the sum of one hundred and five and ninety five hundredths ($105 95) dollars and that the same is now pending before the circuit court of Macon county

Now unless the said defendants, George T Barnett and Anna Barnett, shall appear give bail and plead within the time limited for their appearance in said cause to-wit within ten days after the last publication of this notice being on the 24th day of January A. D. 1899 judgment will be entered, and the estate of said defendants attached, will be sold and that the estate attached is lot seven (7) in McCaskill's addition to the city of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois.

Dated this 15th day of December, A. D 1898

D L FOSTER Circuit Clerk
Ewing & Baldwin, Attorneys for the plaintiffs
Dec 15-d4w

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2. First Saturday in April.
3. First Saturday in June.
4. At close of Teachers' Institute
5. First Saturday of November.

Examinations will begin promptly at 9 a. m. Office day, Saturday.

JOHN G. KELLER Co. Supt.,
O129-wtyr Decatur, Illinois.

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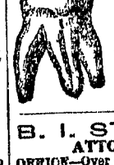

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For Sale. For Rent. Wanted. Etc.

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WANTED—A lady or gentleman to run a shirt machine at the Troy Laundry, 300 East Eldorado street 15-1d

WANTED You to know that Swisher & Shaw's Carpenter and Cabinet Shop is the place to get the Parlor Bowling Alley 231 East William street. 15-d6t

WANTED—A good girl for general housework Apply at 1112 East Prairie street at once. 15-d6t

WANTED—A baker. Apply to I HANK HIMPLE, Mowequa, Ill call up by now telephone at once. dec 12 d6t

HELP WANTED—Ladies to make bandages at home for large surgical house, earn $10 weekly, enclose addressed stamped envelope for reply. Marshall & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash ave., telephone 667. HAYES & ANTHONY. oct13-dtf

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MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE—A Jersey cow, three years old, is missing, strayed away from 197 West Wood street, on December 14. Information leading to the recovery of the cow should be left at the above number. J. F. HOACH. 15-d6

NOTICE—Will for one week teach the celebrated Acme Dress System for $8.00. It has no equal for simplicity and niceties. Call on or address to J. E. CASWELL, Inventor at the Office. Dec 13 d6t

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Yours truly, J. C. Orr.

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PERSONS, desiring to bid on the frescoing of the Baptist Church will leave the amount of their bid and the designs at the office of Bunn & Park, 152 East Prairie street, by December 14th, 1898. E. PARK, for the committee.—dec 13 d-1w

VIOLIN MUSIC.—Instruction on the violin Apply to Miss Jennette Powers, 857 North Edward street, or Powers' Shoe Store. July 4-dtf

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You can save money by buying Christmas goods of A J Wallace 551 North Water street,. All fancy goods, books, bibles, etc, going at closing out prices —17-d1w

Holiday Rush is On.

The holiday trade has begun in earnest From in town and out of town the people are crowding the counters and rushing the force of clerks which in many stores has been almost doubled If business continues to grow at the rate it has in the past three days and lasts until Christmas the merchants will have the best holiday trade they have had for three or four years

The Express companies are beginning to feel the rush and the packages will flow in a steady stream in and out in the coming week. The significance of the season is shown in the increased number of people traveling, many of the college students have started on the homeward trip for the holiday vacations and the Christmas visitors are beginning to arrive and depart.

Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one third fare for the round trip Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1899 For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any I D and W ticket agent or address John S Lazarus, General Passenger Agent —16-d1w

Of Interest to the Ladies.

We will put on sale Saturday morning, December 17, a large lot of remnants from our millinery and trimming departments, in lengths of from one yard up to three yards. Suitable for crush collar fronts, etc Plain figured, brocaded and fancy woven All must go at any price that will close them out quick S G Hatch & Bro, J. W Race, Assignee —16-d3t

Hines and Remington

Were at Tony Pastor's Theatre, New York city, week of December 5, and the New York Clipper and Mirror both give them highly complimentary notices Mrs. Hines writes her brother, C M. Allison that Frank Bunn and Budge Brown of the Castle Opera Co took in the Saturday afternoon matinee at Pastor's and laughed themselves hoarse at the gags in Earle Remington's new act, 'The Female Tramp" The Castle Opera Co is presenting the opera of "Faust" this week at the American Theatre, with Mr Bunn in the title role

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To Mr and Mrs J M Reddington of East Jefferson street on Friday, December 16, a daughter.

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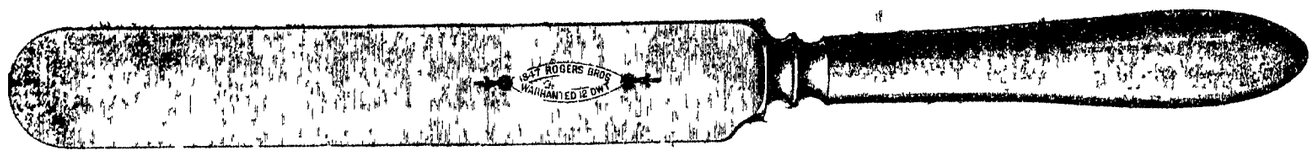

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HOLIDAY VACATION

Will Begin in Divisions of Woman's Club Next Week

COOKING LESSONS TO BE GIVEN

At Club in Early Spring—Ceramic Exhibit and Sale on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Home of Miss Buckingham.

Holiday vacation will begin in the Woman's club next week in a number of the divisions An unusual activity has been shown in holiday preparations this year and the members of the different divisions have deemed it wise not to attempt to do justice to both club and holiday work

The meetings of the Shakespeare Musical and Art and Literature divisions will be postponed until after the holidays The calendar for the week follows

Monday December 19—Sorosis division Mrs W F Gillmore chairman Subject, Longfellow Program Contrast Between Longfellow and Tennyson" Mrs. Cora B Woulfe Mrs Harriett Logan Mrs M V Post

Tuesday December 20—Chautauqua division Mrs Keller chairman Subject Twenty Centuries of English History,' chapter XIII, Europe in the Nineteenth Century chapters XXVIII XXIX XXX In the Chautauqua 'Electricity and Telephone Factory Life and Legislation in England

Tuesday December 20—Psychemas division—Miss Anna Bidenhausen chairman Subject Washington Irving," Miss Anne Vittorhet leader

The Child Study division will hold the next meeting on January 10 Subject, "Cure of Faults Procrastination, Miss Ella W Beker, Sulkiness Mrs Harry Lehman, Violent Temper, Mrs Charles Traver, Timidity, Mrs Will Hostetler

The Shakespeare division will hold an informal at home for the members of the division and their friends at the home of Mrs. J G Bidenhausen on East Eldorado street on Tuesday December 27 The officers of the division will receive

It has been decided to secure the services of a practical cook and demonstrator to give a series of cooking lessons at the Woman's club in the early spring A number of eminent cooks and authorities on cooking have been talked of but this has not been decided. The very best talent will be secured and as the idea is much in favor the class will no doubt be a large one

The display and sale which will be held by the Decatur Ceramic club at the home of Miss Maria L Pickling, Tuesday December 20 will be one of the affairs of the week Each member will invite a number of guests

STAGE EVENTS.

SUNDAY

The attraction at the Grand tonight will be a rural comedy drama of Yankee farm life entitled Si Plunkard and Sal and will be presented by the young character actor J C Lewis supported by his big company of talented comedians in the laughing success Si Plunkard" it deals with rural New England and some of the more serious aspects of city life The comedy is in four acts two of which take place in Si's farm near Fairview, Conn, and the others in New York city where the rural representative meets with some wonderful adventures Mr J C Lewis appears in the character of the traditional Down easter, Si Plunkard whose chief reason for being is to serve as a foil to the conventional villian The action of the play abounds in a number of novel and pleasing specialties by a company of comedians presenting a program of mirth, music and novelty contracted to drive away dull care The present season the comedy has been rewritten and will present all new features

MONDAY NIGHT

The Sunshine of Paradise Alley will cast its rays upon the stage of the Grand Monday night Those rays now shining for the third season are of a bright hue for while the story which Messrs Denman Thompson and George W Ryer have woven into the play has to do with a slice of New York slum existence the picture is a pleasant one In other words, the two authors have a bit of the idealistic in their composition and it is to be inferred that although Paradise Alley is not without its shadows the gentle Sunshine hovers prettily about its unfashionable neighborhood The company that has been gotten together to interpret this "up to date play is described as a strong one The scenery has been carefully selected and should prove interesting as showing that portion of New York which is seldom seen save by the very people who inhabit the district.

JULIA MARLOWE COMING.

The Gifted Actress Will Appear Dec 29 in "Countess Valeska"

Julia Marlowe's new play this season is "The Countess Valeska." It will be presented at the Grand Opera house Thursday, December 29 The play is a romantic drama from the German of Rudolph Stratz It has been well received in all the larger cities of this country and scored a notable success in Berlin Miss Marlowe will give The Countess Valeska' the advantages of beautiful scenery and costumes and a capable cast The scenery was especially designed by a well known artist and the period and the place treated will permit an elaborate display of directoire gowns and flashing uniforms The story is located in Poland in 1806, on the eve of the battle of Friedland Napoleon has something to do with the incident being quartered at the Castle of the Countess on the night when the action of the play opens The Countess, who is a Polish patriot is divided between her fealty to her country and her love for a handsome young Prussian officer She is called upon to make a heroic sacrifice to insure his safety but her spirit rebels when she discovers that he is deep in a plot to murder the emperor There is another and less stormy love story in the play It seems from the promise of a judicious mingling of war and love as it the piece was constructed to please the public taste

Turner Society.

On Sunday the members of the Turner society will hold a business meeting and will take a vote on the question as to whether or not they shall break off from the North American Turnerbund the national society of which the local organization is a part For some time past the members have talked of taking such a step The constitution and by laws of the national society contain some clauses which are objectionable and which, it is believed affects the growth of the membership The position of the national Turner organization against religion and the church is one of the most serious objections as there are included in the membership of the local society persons who belong to churches and it is believed that there are many others who would become connected with the Turners if the society was made an individual one with the physical and social benefit of the members for its purpose There is little doubt but that the majority of the members will vote to break off from the national society

Eight hundred thousand people still speak Welsh

POOR LITTLE BOY.

He Did Not Swallow the Watch—End of a Family Worry.

The watch which the little son of Mr and Mrs Frank Riber was thought to have swallowed was found yesterday in the pocket of the over coat a gentleman had worn when visiting the house on the day the watch disappeared The parents were certain the baby had swallowed the watch with the candy and a physician was called They have been dosing the baby ever since but with the receipt of the communication from the man who carried the watch away in his pocket where the baby had dropped it the baby was allowed the usual bill of fare

A Notable Publication

The Chicago Evening Post will issue on December 24, one of the most valuable papers ever printed It will contain complete histories of the Illinois military and naval organizations contributed by the state to the volunteer service in the war with Spain, from date of mustering in to the present time, with half tone photographs of field line and staff officers and full muster rolls of each command together with the records and portraits of the brave boys who paid with their lives for their patriotism Include in the scope of this remarkable production are many scenes and incident of camp life revealing the fun and frolic which relieve the soldier's routine A fine grade of paper will be used and the publication as a whole will be a souvenir that every resident of Illinois will wish to preserve Orders can be left in advance with newsdealers or sent direct to The Evening Post Chicago Ill Price, cents per copy

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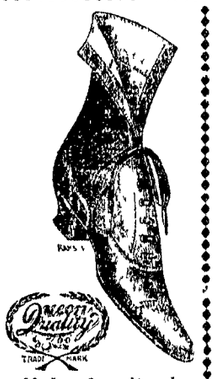

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DANIEL POINTER, OF DECAT

Was in it—Eight Persons More Less Injured in a Smash-Up Guion, Indiana — Wabash Wreck Crew Called Out.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 1 A wreck occurred on the Indi Decatur and Western Railroa 2.30 o'clock Sunday mornin miles west of Indianapolis, Guion Station. The Indianap express, east-bound, due to a at this city at 3 55 a. m, left tracks west of a high trestle, passed over the trestle, which 60 feet long, with seven coa off the rails and bumping s the ties. The trestle was 50 high, and it is considered nomenal that the train was hurled off into the creek, in w event the loss of life would been awful.

The rear car had just lef trestle when a spreading o rails ahead of the baggage piled the seven cars into a The baggage car and smoker ground almost into splinters all of the cars were badly wre

There were about 50 pa gers on the train, but not man or child in the list train was in charge of Cond J A. Mitchell, of this city, it is claimed, it was runnin nearly 60 miles an hour to up lost time The killed

T M. Wells, of Arcola, superintendent of the scho Douglass county He was o way to Indianapolis to be ried.

Injured

Daniel Porter, Decatur, head cut and neck and sho bruised

Andrew Kafer, Lawrenc ford, head badly cut

A J Diddie, Indiana frightfully cut about the fac

M J. Moore, Indianapolis cut, spine injured and intern juries

Warren Saylor, Indian slightly injured

J A. Mitchell, cond ankles injured

A, W. Scott, Indianapolis, injured

H. M. Tennyck, Chicago, injuries.

A special train made up brought the injured to th where they were placed medical care

There were seven coac the train, including two p coaches, one of which bo W. D Woodford, President C H. and D. road, and the George H. Graves, G Superintendent of the I I W. Both were handsom and were badly damaged, t the officers escaped with bruises.

The bursting water ta luged the coaches and